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* Deliverd to Constable Robert Hibbirt one single Country Rate & a County Rate both in paye: with som Adition (*page 48) Rates

the wholl — 11: 18-8

Dec: 16: 83

Deliverd then also to Constable Robert Hibbirt one single Country Rate in mony with some Adition—the wholl—7—9—8

Also: then deliverd to the abovesaid Constable one Town Rate of—18: 11: 8

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* 7th 11 mo: 1683 (*page 84)

Leiut Gott Ensigne Fiske Serjent Fairefield John Batchelder & Thos: Fiske Senir—Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing An. Town Meetg. Selectmen Constable

& John Porter Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

Thos: Patch & Thos: Kemball are Chosen for Surveyrs for the high wayes for the yere Insueing Surveyors of Highways

John Deñise is accepted a towns man to have tòwne priviledg John Dennis Admitted

It is ordered that the rate for the ministers wood shall be made for 30 Cords wn ye other rate for his maintainance is made & yt all on the west syde of the river shall pay theire proportions by the last of Febr: yerly & the rest of the towne by the last of Maye & in Cass any person shall neglect to paye his said rate the Select men shall give warante to the Constable to destraine eight shillings per Corde to procure it & for this Instant yere there shall be a rate for 30 Cords & paid as abovesaid Wood Rate

Its orderd that in Cass any person shall be defective in attending the Surveyrs: warning (they giveing three dayes) every such person shall forfit 2s—6d per daye for every defect of any man that shall not attend as abovesaid & for defect of teames proportionable to the aforesaid 2s—6d per person to be gatherd by warant from the Select men Directed to the Constable Surveyor's Warning

* Its Voated that in refferanc to the returne of Leiuet Dodges Bounds & high wayes thereabouts the Select men are desired to goe againe upon the place & rectifie those things that are Justly Greviouse (*page 85) Dodge's Bounds

Rates, mixture of

Voted that the order against mixt rates is hereby repeald & in referanc to the mony rate made by the Select men being mixt viz towne & Country is hereby allowed

Grant to Mord. Larcom

Granted to Mordica Larcom six poals of Land where his howse stands

(*page 38)

* At a meetting of the Comitte
11th of Janauary 1683—

Seat in the Meetg house

James Powland requesting the priviledg of a Seate in the West Gallary in the fore Seate upon the Condittion that he shall paye six shillings per yere to the ministry in mony as also to paye proportionably to the repaire of the meetting howse as need shall require from time to time this Agreement was made with James Powland abovesaid by the Comitte & there unto I the abovesaid James Powland have set to my hand

James Powland

(*page 85)

* At a towne meetting on the
14th of November 1684†

Jurymen

Richard Huttn Chosen for Graindjury man for the yere Insueing & Thos: Fiske Junir to serve on the Jury of Tryals for the next Court

Pastor's Maintenance

Also in referance to our Pastrs maintainance for this Instant yeer its voted yt there shall be ten pound in mony as parte of his fiftie pound paid

(† See next page)

Wm Knowlton's Rent

William Knowlton hath paid ten shillings (upon the accompt of rent due to the towne) to John Edwards per

Killing a wolf

order of the Select men to satisfie him for killing of a woolfe & sinc towards the making of Thos: Hobs; his Coffen: 1s—6d & in wood by order to supply the watch 2s—6d [It] more to be paid by Serjent Huttn: 5s

Aprill 4th 93

* Aprill 30th: 1684

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Wm Lincorne warned

At a meetting of the Select men; there was an order drawne to our Constable to warne William Lincorne to remove him selfe & familly out of our towne; as also that said Constable doe give notice to Cornet John Dodg to free his howse (in our towne) of said Lincorne & familly.

Rates

Delverd to Constable John Porter halfe a single Rate for mony amounting to 2£: 18^{s} 11 bearing Date 25th: 2^{d} mo 1684

Also one towne Rate to be paid in mony bearing date Juñ 23th: 1684 for the supply of our towne Stock of Amunition: said mony: 4£ [5]^{s} then ordered to be put into the Clarkes hands to provid said Stock

Also Deliverd to Constable John Porter 1/2 a single Country Rate wth some Addition said Rate amounts to 2£: 19^{s}: 9^{d} bearing date 26th Agust 1684†

(† See preceding page)

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* Deliverd to Constable John Porter a town Rate for the ministers maintainance wth 13^{s}: 4^{d} to the bell ringer w^{ch} Rate amounts to 51£:—03—11—to be paid according to towne order

Dated December 8th: 1684

Also the wood Rate of 30 Coards being dated December 11th: 1684—

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Receipt

* This 31 of March 1680 Rec^{d} of Samuell Kemball in full of his County rate for the yeere 78 I saye Rec^{d}: in full Per me

Robert Paine

Treasurer

12 December 1684 Rec^{d} of Samuell Molton thirtie shillings in mony being in full of his proportion to Country Rates in the yere 1680 he being then Constable for the towne of Wenham

Per order of

James Russell

Country Treasur^{r}:

Sam^{ll} Googin

That w^{t} is above writtn is a true entry Compard with the originall Receipt

Attests Thos. Fiske

Recorder

Received of Sam^{ll}: Molton twentie shillings in full for all rates due from him as Constable for Wenham in the yere 1680: I saye rec^{d}: by me

Joseph Gerish Des: 12th: 1684

That w^{t} is above writtn is a true Entry Compard with the originall receipt

Attests Thos: Fiske
Recorder

(*page 48) Rates

* Deliverd to Constable John Porter one single Country Rate of 5—1—5 to be paid in mony: beareing date Date 11th: 1684—

Deliverd to Constable John Porter one single Country paye Rate with Some Adition amounting to: 5—17—8 beareing date December 19th: 1684—

(*page 50) An. Town Meet^{g}

* At a Towne meetting
5th: Jañ: 1684

Selectmen

Leiuet Gott Ensigne Fiske Serjent Fairefield Corporall John Batchelder & Tho^{s} Fiske Seni^{r} are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing

Constable

John Edwards Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing |& sworne 29th Juñ: 1685—|

Rates

Wheras there was a former order made viz—that the Select men shall take the Country Rate for theire rule in makeing the ministers Rate for his maintainance its ordered that for the yere Insueing every heade shall be valued or Rated to pay five Shillings per head. & all medow that shall be mowed this next yere w^{ch} lyeth unfenct shall be Rated at halfe soe much as other medows wch are within fence notwithstanding the former order—

Minister's Maintenance

Its voted that in Referance to our ministers maintainance for the yere Insueing that there shall be ten pound of said sume in money & the former order to Carry on a Sabothly Contribution to Gather said Sume is hereby revised onely & alwayes provided that the aforesaid fine of five Shillings for every person that shall be defective acording to said order shall be Gatherd by the Constable by warrant from the Select men* & improved for the use of the towne—

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Dodge's bounds

Thomas Patch Samuell Kemball James Friend & Doct^{r} Fiske are appointed a Coñitte to Joyne with the Select men to perfect Leiuetant Dodge his bounds of land in our

towne & setle the high waye |& Coñon| to long ham bridg—

Exchange of land

Also to Joyne wth the Select men to veiwe Serjent Hut-tn^{s}: & John Edwards theire land which they propound to the towne to exchang with the towne for some Coñon & also Leiuetenant Dodg his exchang w^{ch} he desire all w^{ch} shall be Considerd at the Adjournment of this towne meetting w^{ch} shall be on the first mondaye of Aprill next Insueing

Eph^{m} Kemball Admitted

Epherim Kemball is accepted a townsman & to have towne priviledg

Surveyors of Highways

Sam^{ll} Fiske Tayl^{r} and John Bare are chosen Servayers for ye year Insuing—

Dodge's bounds

In persueanc of the above writtn order in Referance to Leiuetenant Dodg his bounds of his land mentioned in the returne by the Select men formerly made the Coñitte above mentiond have voted y^{t} said Returne to be void & Aggre that s^{d} Dodges land shall be measured over according to his grants & bounds setld according to Instructions in towne order

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* At a leagall town meetting
6th: 2 mo 1685

Order as to persons brought into town without leave

tis Voted that if any person in our town shall take into his family any person or persons as Inmates or bring any person into the towne here to inhabit on any pretence whatsoever without the Consent of the Select men for his or theire abode in the towne or give in sufficient security to ye Select men to secure the towne of any damag that maye come to the towne by reason of his or their abode here: every such person shall forfit twenty shillings per weeke to the use of the towne to be takn by Destress by the Constable by warant from the Select men—

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* At a towne meeting
6th: of 2^{d}: mo: 1685

R. Kemball's 20 acres

In answer to Richard Kembals request for the layeing out of his 20 acres of land according to his former grante —tis voted that it shall be layd out on the North Syd of flaggey medow & flaggey medow swamp—

Serjent Fairefield Thomas Patch & John Edwards are Appointed to laye out the aboves^{d}: land.

Exchange with John Edwards

Voted that there shall be an exchang of land made with John Edwards viz said Edwards^{es} land in the neck being 18 acres being 7 of John Soolarts 10 acre lot & 11 acres which was formerly Goodman Woodwards for land in our Coñon Eastward from Mordica Larcom^{s} house & Leiueten^{t} Gott Serjent Huttn Corporall Batchelder John Fiske & Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: are Chosen & fully impowered to Compleate the aboves^{d}: exchang upon such termes as they shall see meett

Bridge below the Mill

Voted that Leuietant Dodg together with such others as shall see cause to Joine with him shall have liberty to make a bridg over the brook below the mill where the Select men shall Appointe

Great Meadow

Wheras there are some person or persons w^{ch} Claime medow in our greate meadow upon a Conditionall grante viz. former grants being made up or in such lik termes & some of our towne Inhabitants Complaining that they fall short of theire measur according to grante the towne therefore gives full power to the Select men to take notic of any such Complaint & Releive them by Coñon medow which lyeth in the abovesaid greate medow—

(*page 87) Exchange with John Edwards

* We whose Names are underwritn being Appointed a Comitte to make & Compleate an exchang of land with John Edwards according to a towne order doe hereby declare that we have & doe hereby Aggree as followeth viz all that land be it more or less being a Corner of Towne Coñon lying upon Beverly Lyne on the one syde & Mordica Larcom^{s}: land & Leiutenant Dodges land on the other syde to a Redoake marked on foure syds & a heape of stones about it about 73 poles from the aboves^{d}: lyne leaveing & excepting two acres from said Red oake to Mordica Larcom his Corner according to bounds & from the aboves^{d}: Red oake as the trees are marked to a white oake Southeasterly nere Beverly lyne marked with W & E & set with a heape of stones & so to Beverly lyne aboves^{d}: To have & to hold to the afores^{d}: John Edwards & his heirs forever—

For & in Consideration & upon the Condittion: that ye towne shall have & Injoye forever eighteen acres of land lyeing in the neck—Seaven acres whereof being parte of John Soolarts lott (deceased) Joyning to Henery Haggets land; the other eleven acres being that lott w^{ch} was some time in the occupation of Charles Gott the abovesaid John Edwards doe hereby warrant his Lawefull power* & Authority to make the aboves^{d} Exchange in his owne Name. (*page 88)

& in Confirmation of said Exchange the partyes abovesaid have here unto set theire hands on this 14th of s^{d} mo in the yere one thousand six hundred eighty & five

Tho^{s}: Fiske Senj^{r}:

Charles Gott
Richard Huttn
John Batchelder
John Fiske

John Edwards

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* Deliverd to Constable John Edwards a Towne Rate to paye the Country County & towne Charges Dated 10th December 1685 amounting to the Sume of 11£: 17^{s}: 00— (*page 44) Rates

Also deliverd to Constable John Edwards a mony Rate Dated 10th of 10th mo: 1685 amounting to 5£—18—6 to paye Country Deputy & defraye other Towne Charges

The Select men have Received of the above pay Rate theire owne Rates by the Constabls order wch amounts to 1—18—4

Thomas Fiske [owdowd] Rec^{d} 3^{s}—6^{d}— of Constable Edwards in mony towards Nailes; to be paid by Corporall Batchelder 03^{s}—8^{d} Account

to be paid by M^{r} Newman —— 02—8^{d}
to be paid by Robert Symonds —— 01—2

(*page 52) An. Town Meets

* January 4th: 1685—

Tho^{s}: Fiske Appointed Moderat^{r} for the present meetting & for the yere Insueing Moderator

Leift Gott Ensign Fiske Serjent Fairefield Corporall Batchelder & Tho^{s}: Fiske Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing Selectman

John Bare Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing Constable

Surveyors

Corporall Dodg & Tho^{s}: Fiske Juni^{r}: are Appointed for Sirvey^{rs}: for the yere Insueing

Pastors Salary

Its Voted that our Past^{r}: shall have ten pound in mony as parte of the |towns former| Ingeagment of 50£| for the yere Insueing|

Exchange with John Fiske

Its Voted that there shall be an Exchang made betwine the towne & John Fiske; viz miry swamp which lyeth in the neck Joyning to said Fiskes Land |for said land| which was formerly Goodman Huttns & |also| have impowred Serjent Fairefield Serjent Huttn & Tho^{s}: Patch to perfect the abovesd Exchang—

Ipswich Neighbors Meet^{g} house

The towne being sensible that by Reason of many of our Ipswich Neighb^{rs}: constant coming to our meetting our Inhabitants are very much burthened & thronged & that there hath bin greate disorder occassioned thereby & that notwithstanding they have bin fairely treated by the Select men about the mater yet in stead of complying with that which is eaquall & Just upon that account they are faln off from that which they themselves did formerly upon their owne motion pretend to doe in referance to the ministry for prevention thereof for the futher the towne do fully impower the Select men to Agree with them upon such termes as they shall see meet & in Cass they will not comply then to discharge them from Coming

Lease to John Carpenter

In Answer to the petition of John Carpenter for that parcill of land which he hath latly brokn up in the neck tis voted that he shall have the use of said land three yeers freely upon Condition that he shall sowe it with hayeseed the third yeere & then leave it smoo[th] land to the townes use againe

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* At a meetting of the Select men
the 8th Daye of Feberary 1685

Meet^{g} house

Daniell Killim Juni^{r} Requesting privilidg in our meetting howse for him selfe & family the Select men granteth his Request so long as he paye to our ministry seaven shillings per yere in porke malt or wheate or Indian Corne alwayes provided in Cass there be ocasion to inlarg the meetting howse then he the aboves^{d} Daniell shall

agree with the towne about that; as witnese his hand—
Daniell Killam

John Gilbert Requesting liberty in our meeting howse for himselfe & family upon Condition that he paye yeerly to our minister seaven shillings per yeere & in Cass there be ocasion to inlarge the meetting howse then to agree with the Select men w^{t} to allowe there unto: the Select men accept of his propossition & said John Gilbert have thereunto set his hand—

John
Gilbert

Samuell Lum̃ose Requesting liberty in our meeting howse for himselfe & family upon Condition that he paye six shillings per yeere to our ministr & in Case there be ocasion to inlarge meetting howse to pay twenty shillings towards it; the Select men accept of his proposition—

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* At a towne meetting this 16th march 1686— (*page 56)

Its orderd that the Select men & James Freind are hereby impowerd to Repaire the Roofe of the meetting howse as they shall Judg most Expediant & nessesary — Meet^{g} house

In Answer to the request of Jn^{o}: Dodg Juni^{r}: to Exchange a strip of swamp |& upland| Joyning to his 15 acrs for the benefit of fencing for land Nere Henery Hagets the towne grants his request & doe impower Serjent Fairefield Corporall Killim & John Bare to Compleate the Exchang:— — Exchange with Jn^{e} Dodge, Jr.

Leiuet^{t} Gott Refuseing to accept the towns Choice for Select man for this yere Serjent Huttn is voted Select man in his stead— — Selectman

Wee whose names are hear under written being mett together on this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord 1686 for & in behalf of our townes Wenham and Manchester respectiveley to settle the bounds of the Com̃on land that leyeth Eastward of the pond called Plesant — Wenham and Manchester Bounds

Pond and Westward of the pine tree which is the Corner bound between Ipswich & Manchester and so straight over to a white oake tree standing in or neare to the lyne from the end of the said pond to Chubbs Creek marked with W & we have agreed to begin the devitionall lyne of bounds between us at the said white oak tree afores^{d}: which tree is set about with stones & so to run upon a straight lyne to the stump of a great pine tree in or near to Ipswich lyne called and knowne by the name of Dodges tree & near about upon a square from the said white oak at the end of the Sd: pond & all that part of Sd: Comon which leyeth Eastward of Sd: lyne doth belong to Manchester & that part which leyeth westerly doth belong to Wenham & this to be a finall settlement of the bounds of our townesships for ever as witness our hands the day & year above written

Richard Hutton	John Sibly
John Batcheler	Samuel Leatch
Walter Fayrfield	John Ley—

(*page 63) *† Wee whose names are hear under written being mett together on this 17th: day of May in the yeare of our lord 1686 for & in the behalf of our townes Wenham & Manchester Respectively to settle the bounds of the Comon land that leyeth Eastward of the Pond called Pleasant Pond and Westward of the pine tree which is the Corner bound between Ipswich and Manchester & so straight over to a white oake tree standing in or near to the lyne from the end of the s^{d}: pond to Chubbs Creeke marked with W and we have agreed to begin the devitionall lyne of bounds between us att the said white oak tree: aforesaid which tree is sett about with stones and so to run upon a streight lyne to the stump of a great pine tree in or near to Ipswich lyne called or knowne by the name of Dodges Tree and near about upon a square from the said white oake att the end of the said pond, and all that part of said Comon which leyeth Eastward of said lyne doth belong to Manchester and that part which leyeth Westerly doth belong to Wenham, and this to be a finall

settlement of the bounds of our towneshipps for ever as witness our hand the day & yeare above written—

John Sibley
Samuel Leach
John Lee
Richard Hutton
John Batchilder
Walter Fayrefield—

† This Return, which is the same as the preceding, was entered twice in the Record Book, probably by mistake.

* November 3d: 1686 (*page 58)

Pastor's maintenance increased

At a leagall towne meetting tis voted that there shall be Added ten pounds in paye to our Pastrs maintainance & so to Continue for the futher unless the Providence of God in some extreordainary waye shall disinable vs——

"Invoice" of rateable estates

Its also voted that Thomas Patch John Pirkings & Samuell Kemball are Appointed & impowered to take & bring in to the Select men forth with a true invoyce of all the ratable estates in the towne Thos: Patch all that end of the towne Eastward of the Greate Pond brook John Pirkings all the rest of the towne from sd: brook westward so fare as Josep Batcheldrs & all the westward end of the town |from thence| to be takn by Samuell Kemball—

Dec. 20th: 1686

Minister's Rate

Then deliverd to Constable John Bare a towne Rate for our ministers maintainance &c. amounting to the Sume of 62£: 8: 6: which is to be Gathered forthwith according to Mr Gidneys warrant upon sd: Rate—

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* December 25th: 1686 (*page 88)

2 acres laid out to W. Fairfield

in persueance of a towne order the Select men have laid out to Walter Fairefield (in the right of his father John Fairefield Deceased to make up a Grante to him of ten acres of medow & 70 of upland eighty in all) two acres of medow which was wanteing bounded by Thomas Fiskes Junir: his medow Easterly & Epherim Kemballs medow Southerly & Nathaniell Howards medow westerly & a parcill of medow then laid out to Thomas Fiske Senir: Northerly

4 acres laid out to Tho. Fiske, Sr.

also then laid out to Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: foure acres of medow in the greate medow also in the right of John White late of Wenham to make good a grante of 4 acres to him by Salem Dated 27th: 12th: mo: 1642— Said medow is bounded by the above writtn medow of Walter Fairefield Southerly part of it & parte of it by Nathaniell Howards & James Friend theire medow also & westerly |& Easterly| by Thomas Fiske Juni^{r}: his medow—

(*page 58) An. Town Meet^{g}

* Janauary 3rd: 1686

Moderator

At a Generall towne meetting Richard Huttn Chosen moderat^{r} for this meetting

Selectmen

Leivet: Fiske Ensigne Fairefield Levet: Gott Serjent Huttn & Thos: Fiske Seni^{r}: are chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing—

Surveyors

Thomas Killim Chosen Sirvey^{r}: |of high wayes| for the west end of the towne from Joseph Batchelders westward & Robert Hibert for the Easterly end of the towne cald the Neck & Robert Symonds for the Country Roade for the yere Insueing—

Swamps to be divided

Voated that what Swamps there are in towne which are like to make medow wch will not predjuice the feed if they be takn in |[maye] then ye benefit of aproperating y^{m}| shall be devided betwin the Inhabitants of the towne the greate Swamp onely excepted—

(*page 59)

* Tis voated that wt Swamps shall be devided shall be devided amongst the Inhabitants of the towne who have right to Comon privilidg to every man alike by eaquall portions—

Ensign Fairefield Richard Dodg Thos: Patch, Benjamin Edwards are appointed a Comite to Sirvey the above mentioned Swamps & make a returne to the towne—

Adjournment

The towne meeting is Adjourned to the first mondaye in Feberary next—

(*page 89) Selectmen

* At a towne meeting Feberary 7th 1686

Constable

Samuell Kemball is Chosen Select man in Leivetanant Fiske stead he haveing Refused— Benjamin Edwards Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing from the time

that John Bare the present Constable have fully Gathered in all that Rate or bill of Assesments nowe in his hands |Comitted to him by the Select men| & made payement therewith according to the Select mens order & not till then—

John Dodg the son of Leivet[t] John Dodg of Beverly & Epherim Kemball are accepted townsmen & have towne privilidg Granted to them. — J. Dodge &c admitted

Charles Gott Juni[r]: & Robert Symonds & William Fiske Juni[r]: & John Carpenter William Fairefield & Nathaniell Walderne are accepted as towns men & have town privilidg granted them.

Granted to the Widow White one acre of Swamp Joyning to hir farme where it maye be most conveynant for hir & the towne. — Grant to Widow White

Voted that the Select men are impowered to make such orders as they in theire discretion shall thinke fit for the markeing & keeping of Sheep. — Sheep

Voted that the streame or river is Granted to Ensign Fairefield & partners in the sawe mill which formerly stood betwixt said Fairefields land & the Widow Whites land to build a Corne mill & to any others that shall Joyne with them provided said mill be caried on with conveinant Speed. — Grant to Ensign Fairfield &c for a Mill

Voted that all persons are hereby prohibited from felling any timber upon our Coñon to Cary out of towne to sell eyther in shingle or board or any other wayes upon the peanalty of twentie shillings per tree to be paid to the towne: to be leaveid by warant from the Select men |to the Constable| or recovered by waye of Action. — Timber on the Common

* In answer to the request of Leiveten[t]: Dodg &c that there maye be a place appointed them to make a bridg over the brook belowe his Sawe mill the towne have Appointed Leivet[t]: Fiske Serjent Batchelder James Moulton & Thomas Patch to Joine with the Select men to Appointe the place— — (*page 90) Bridge below Dodge's Mill

Voted that the aboves[d]: Coñitte are Appointed to veiwe Nathaniell Walderns land which he desireth to Exchange for the high waye on the Northerly syde of Beamans lott—also to make satisfaction to Richard Dodg for — Exchange with N. Waldern

R. Dodge Highway

high waye over his land on the westerly sid of Longham bridg the said Coñitte are fully impowered to Compleate the afores[d]: matters if they see meet—

At a towne meeting Febr: 22[th]: 1686-7

Corn Mill

Voted that whereas there was a liberty Granted to Ensigne Fairefield &c: to set up a Corne mill where the Sawe mill formerly stood & persons not Appearing to Carry on said mill the towne nowe grante liberty to Leiventen[t] John Dodg & Thomas Fiske Seni[r]: of the brooke where said Dodges Sawe mill nowe Stand as also so much of that pointe of land on the Easterly side of the Carte waye as shall be conveinant for the accomadation of a Corne mill & Sawe mill as long as said persons or theire heires shall maintaine a Corne mill there for the benefit of the towne as also liberty to flowe or raise Pleasant Pond Easterly from Richard Dodges howse to turne that streame into Longham medow for the Inlargment of that brooke.

Feberary 28[th]: 1686-7

Rate

Yn Delivered to Constable John Bare a Count[y] Rate of 5£: 3: 5[d] to paye: 5£: 2[s]—6[d] to the Country Treasur[r]: in money together w[th] the Treasur[rs]: warante

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(*page 59)

Grant to John Dodge Highway

* At A meetting of the Selectmen 8[th]: of March 1686-7. The Select men measured out five acres & one hundered & seaven & twentie pole of John Dodges land in the Neck for the accommadation of a high waye on the Southerly side of his land which he bought of John Fiske formerly Richard Huttns being fourteen poles in breadth from the Southwesterly Corner & from thenc twenty nine pole to a white oake marked & from thenc upon a line to a greate rock about fortie seaven pole &½ & from said rock upon a lyne to John Carpenters Southeasterly Corner. & in parte satisfaction to said Dodg they have laid out to him two acres of Swamp lying in a tryangle Joyning to ye said Dodges bounds beginning said angle at a stake & heape of stones & so on to another heape of stones about

twenty & eight pole the second syde Northwesterly from said heape of stones about twenty pole to an ash tree marked on fowre sides & from thenc on a lyne to the first heape of stones above writtn; & for the remainder of five acres 127 pole have agreed to allowe three acres of land to sd: Dodg or his Assignes in flaggie medow plaine in Cass there be soe much Comon there allowing a Conveinant out let betwin the medow & sd: three Acres. — Way

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* At a towne meeting 31th: March 1687 (*page 91)

Leivet: Charles Gott Chosen moderat: Voted that the Select mens order for fences & swine which was made 30th: 1: mo 69 shall stand in force for the yere insueing with the alteration of five railes or equivalent in steade of fowre mentioned in said order & John Edwards Thomas Patch James Moulton & William Jones are appointed for Sirveyrs: to see the Due keeping the abovesd: order according to the true intent thereof. — Moderator; Order as to fences and swine

Voted that in Cass Wm Jones will ring the bell & sweepe the meeting house according to former usage & practice for the yere insueing he shall be allowed twentie shillings for his paines which is by said Jones accepted alwayes provided said twentie shilling shall be paid by waye of rate as formerly— — Sexton Meetg house

Voted that the Select men shall demand & receive of Leiuet John Dodg such Rent |for the two last yeers| according as the Select men formerly agreed with him for that pointe of land or so much of it as he used by his Sawe mill — J. Dodge's Rent

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* At a towne meetting Sept: 20th: 1687— (*page 60)

This meetting being appointed to Consider of & agree to doe what is best to be don about our metting howse & Pastrs maintainance & there being but a Small Appearance the meetting is Adjournd to the next Second daye or Mondaye Come Senite at one of the Clocke — Meetg house and Pastor's maintenance

& the said Adjournement being further put of till the 5th daye of this Instant October 1687: where all the Inhabetants were present & then the towne was by ye moderat: — New Meeting House

desired to declare theire minds wheither they would build a new meetting howse & Admit our Ipswich neighb^{rs} to Joyne with them in the worke the wholl towne (declard them selves willing to build & that our Neighb^{rs}: should Joyne with them;) except seaven persons who at that time semd to deifer from the rest.

& in order to Carry on the matter the towne makes Choice of Leivetant Fiske Leivetenant Gott & Insign Fairefield Serjent Huttn & Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: or the maj^{r}: parte |for a Comitte who have| full power to treate with Ipswich Neighb^{rs} about the matter & also they or the maj^{r}: part of them have full power to agree with a Carpenter on the townes behalfe & also twas then voted that the Newe Meetting howse shall be set as nere the old meetting howse as it can conveyantly be set.

Edw. Whittington admitted

Voted that Edward Whittington is accepted as a townesman & to have towne privilidg—

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An. Town Meet^{g}

* At a towne metting held Janauary the 2^{d}: o^{r} Lord 1687

Moderator

Leivet Charles Gott moderat^{r}

Selectmen

John Batchelder Richard Dodg Walter Fairefield Thomas Patch & James Moulton Seni^{r}: are Chosen Selectmen for the yere Insueing.

Surveyors

William Fairefield John Edwards & Nathaniell Waldern are Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} for the highwayes

Thomas Patch disaccepts of ye above said vote

Adjournment

The towne meetting is Adjourned to this daye fortnight at ten of the Clocke.

At the Adjournment on the 16th Daye of Janauary 1687-8

Constable

Twas put to the voate after some debate about w^{t} was Don on the 2^{d}: of this Instant month; whither the towne doe Judg it expediant now to Chouse a Constable

Twas voted on the afirmative John Peirkings Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

N. Rich admitted

Nicolas Rich is accepted a townsman In Referance to the defrayeing the Cost of building our new meetting

house according to the Covenant made by the Comitte with the Carpenters it shall be raised upon the Inhabitants by waye of rate; twas unanimasly voted on the afirmative. New Meeting House

Also Voted that the Selectmen are Appointed to make the wholl rate & to take the last bill of Asessments made by the Justices for theire rulle onely provided those heads which were therein left out be rated with the rest in the rate which they shall make

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* Janauary 2^{d}: 1687 (*page 62)

At a towne meetting it is voted that the Comitte this daye Chosen for the Sirvey & record of land have full power to Doe what ever is Requisite in order to the makeing & to make the Conveyance of the land which Mr Gerrish had of the towne leagall. Survey & Record of Land — Mr. Gerrish

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* At a metting of the Select men Janauary 20th 87-8— (*page 62)

they then layd out a waye to our metting house for the Inhabitants of the East end of our towne cald the neck &c. where we Judg it most convejnant for them to Ride or goe to meeting which were pettitioners for it at the last inferi^{r}: Court of Pleas at Salem the waye for them to begin is by Jn^{o}: Denise his house & so as the path leadeth to the Widow Whites house & so by the South syde of said house takeing the path as it formerly went to Serjent Whites Bridg & so over the river where formerly it was & then as the path leadeth to the nearest place of the Country Roade where Cap^{t} Smiths land & Serjent Huttens land parteth & so into the Countrey Roade this was don with the Allowance of the owners of the land. it is to be understood that the pettitioners are to make Gates Convejnant & to bridg upon theire owne Cost & to maintaine them from time to time. Way to the Meet^{g} house from the Neck — Gates and Bridge

Thos: Patch
Richard Dodg
John Batchelder
Select men.

* At a towne meetting (*page 64)
Maye 21th 1688

Selectmen

Ensigns Fairefield John Batchelder & James Moulton Seni^{r}: of the old Select men Chosen for to continue in said office for the yere Insueing.
Leive^{t}: Fiske James Friend & Tho^{s}: Fiske Seni^{r}: Added to the persons aboves^{d}: to serve as Select men for the yere Insueing

Constable

Samuell Fiske (Taylor) Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

Commissioner

Charles Gott Seni^{r}: Chosen Comissioner—

Agreem^{t} as to Rate for Mr. Gerrish

The names of the persons that then agreed that there shall be a rate or leveye made for Mr Gerrish his maintainance for this Instant yere to make good our former Ingeagment of sixty pounds; ten pound of it money or as money & 30 Coards of wood: to which by theire hands they ingeage to paye theire proportions takeing the Country rate for the rule—

Richard Huttn

Mr John Newman	Thos. Fiske seni^{r}:
Walter Fairefield	John Dodg Jun^{r}:
Charles Gott Seni^{r}:	Thomas Fiske Jun^{r}:
James Moulton Seni^{r}:	W^{m} Fiske Sen^{r}:
James Freind	Sam^{ll} Fiske Capent^{r}:
Charles Gott Juni^{r}:	John Killum
Thos Hobbs	John Batchelder sen^{r}:
Nath: Walderne	Mordicah Larkum
W^{m} Jones	Nicholas Ritch
Epherim Kemball	Thomas Kemball
Thomas Killim	Edward Whittington
Tho^{s}: Patch	Robert Hebbart
Richard Dodge Seni^{r}:	W^{m} Fairefield
John Pirkins	Sam^{ll} Fiske Sen^{r}:
John Abbey Jun^{r}:	Thomas White
John Bare	Samuel Kellum
Sam^{ll} Kemball	Zacheus Goldsmith
John Porter	Theofehelus Dix
John Dodge Sen^{r}:	

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* May the 21: 1688

New Meeting House

Voated that the Coñitte appointed for the Carying on the new meetting house have hereby full power to sell

& dispose of the old meetting house for the townes use to the best advantage when there shall be Conveynant time;

Old Meet[g] house to be sold

Voated that the seaven men under written are chosen and apoynted to seat the Inhabitants of our town in conveniant time eaqually according to their Judgments in our new meeting house.

Seats in the New Meeting House

Captain Fiske
Lieften Fiske
Lieften Gott
Serg[t] Batchelder
Serg[t] Hutten
James Molten Sen[r]:
Walter Fayerfeld

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* Boston November 27[h]: 88

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Rec[d]: of M[r] John Haris on account of Sam[ll] Fiske Constable of the towne of Wenham fifteen pounds eight shillings & 2[d]: in full for the Country Rate for that towne for John Usher Esq[r]: Treasur[r] Michall Perry

Receipt

That what is above written is a true Entery of the originall Receipt

Attests Tho[s]: Fiske Const.

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* May 6[th]: 1689 At a Towne meetting wee the freeholders & Inhabitants of the towne of Wenham being deeply sensible of & thankfull to God for his greate mircey in delivering us from the tyerange |& opresion| of those Ill men under injustice & Cruelty we have so long groaned & w[th] all render our harty thanks to those worthy Gentlmen who have bin Ingeaged in so good a worke as the Conserveing our peace since the revolution yet being also Apprehensive of the many Inconvejances & hazzards of the present unsetlment of our affairs doe declare that wee expect that our Hon[rd] Goven[r] & Deputy Goven[r] & Assistants Elected by the fremen of this Collony in Maye 1686 together with ye Deputies then sent downe by the respective townes to ye Court then holden & which was never leagally disolved shall convejne reasume & exercise the
Gov[t] as a Gen[ll] Court according to our Charter on the

(*page 66)

Revolution against Sir Edmund Andros

9th of this Instant Maye & in Soe doeing we doe promise & ingeage to aide & assist them to the utmost of our power with our persons & Estates praying God to Guid them in the managment of our ardous affaires & we hope yt all those who are true friends to the peace & prosperitie of this land will ridily & hartily Joyne with us herein. Voted with one Consent on the affirmative.

& then Chose Ensigne Fairefield & Tho: Patch to carry & aquainte the honrd: Cõmitte for Saftie & any other wm it maye Concerne wth this there mind & determination.

Representatives for Convention for re-establishing the Governmt

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham May 20th: 1689

Thos Patch & Walter Fairefield were continued to Cary theire votes & to Joyne with the representatives of the other townes or any others needful to Assist in the re-establishing of ye Goverment according to our Charter as is above exprest—

Voted on the affirmative

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Rates

* December 12th 1689 then delivered to Constable Thomas Kemball a money Rate to the Sume of Seaventeen pound fourteen shillings & eight penc to paye Thomas Patch 0—8s—4d & the Country Treasurr: two rates & an halfe & to Thomas Fiske twentie shillings & eleven penc—

Delivered then to Constable Thomas Kemball our ministers rate Dated also 10th of Dec. 1689—& ordered by warrant from the Select men to Colect wch is 61£—09—0

Then delivered to said Constable the meeting house rate to Colect the remainder wch is uncrost & unpaid a Coppie whereof the Select men have takn.

Delivered to Constable Thomas Kemball a Rate of 32£—15—7 in paye to Answer five paye rates to the Treasurr & twelve shillings & two |shillings| to Ezeikle Woodward |in all fourteen shillings| the rate bears Date Dec: 25: 1689—

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* Jan: 24th: 1689 (*page 68)

An. Town Meetg Constable

At a towne meeting Thos: Kemball Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing—.

Selectmen

Deacon Fiske Leivet: Gott |Richard| Huttn Thos: Fiske & James Freind are Chosen for Select men for the remainder of the yere & untill the first Tuesdaye in March next Insueing.

Time for the Annual Town Meeting changed

Also tis voted that whereas the first Mondaye in Januauary yerly was appointed for our Genll Towne meetting tis nowe altred & removed to the first Tuesdaye in March |annually| at eight of the Clocke—

Surveyors

Also Richard Dodg Benjamin Edwards Charles Gott Junir & Joseph Batchelder are Chosen for Sirveyrs |for the High Wayes| for the yere Insueing—

John Coy

The question was by vote put to the towne whether the said towne would allowe that John Coye shall Injoye any parte of the townes Coñon nere to Pleasant Pond or not.

Representative to Convention

twas Voted on the negative Thomas Patch requesting the towne to Chouse another in his stead to Goe to Court or Convention as a representitive for the towne the towne grants his request & have Chosen Thomas Fiske Senir in his stead—

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* At a towne meetting (*page 69)

March 4th 1689-90

An. Town Meetg Selectmen

Leivet: Fiske Ensigne Batchelder Serjent Huttn Samll Kemball & Thomas Fiske Senir:—Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing—

Constable

Samll Fiske Carpenter Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing.

Ministry house and land

In answer to Mr Gerrish his proposall; viz whither the towne will make a full Confirmation of the house & land which he liveth in together with any other land or right of land which is the townes which is in Mr Gerrish his possesseion or els take the house & land |abovesd| into their hands for theire owne: repayeing him his Cost & make good fortie pounds to his widow according to the townes ingeagment

(*page 70)

twas put to the vote |viz| whither the towne will Confirme said house & land to Mr Gerrish *& his heires upon the Condition Exprest in a writting under Mr Gerrish & Mrs: hands & seales—twas votted on the Affirmative Viz a Confirmation |of the house & land abovesd| to Mr Gerrish & his heirs forever—

Surveyors

Eperim Kemball Joseph Fowler & John Dodg Junir: are Chosen for Sirveyrs: for the highwayes for the yere Insueing—

Caleb Kimball admitted

Caleb Kemball is accepted a townes man to have towne privilidg as an Inhabitant—

Pastor's salary

Voted that our Pastor Mr Gerrish shall have ten pounds per Annum in or as money as part of† his 60£

(† So in the original)

2 Acres granted to Tho. Patch

At a Towne meetting on the 7th of March 1689/90 upon a Request made by Thomas Patch for a Grante of two acres of land which he ocquipid in |the Right| of Thomas Hobbs Alleadging that he have disburst 3£ in money towards Thomas Hobbs his releife |upon yt account| Tis Voted that Thomas Patch & his heires forever shall have & Injoyne the abovementioned two acres of land payeing fortie shillings in Currant payement to the towne or theire order.

Voted—

Rates

Delivered to Constable Samll Fiske a money Rate of 26£: 10s—00 & also ten paye Rates of 98£—10—11 to paye Mr Tilton 25 shillings & Thomas Kemball 2s: 7d in paye & of the abovesd mony Rates to paye the Treasurr: 24£: 1: 10d & to Mr Tilton 10s: & to Thomas Fiske Senr: 20s: & 12s: 4d to severall other persons who had lent mony for the towns use—

(*page 71)

* March 4th: 1689-90

Land laid out to Mr. Gerrish

At a towne meetting Leivet: Gott Walter Fairefield & Thos: Patch together with the Select men |are appointed| to laye out two Acres of swamp to Mr Gerrish Joining to Robert Mackclaflins Bounds; & also to laye out an acre of Swamp land to the Widow White & to examin the title of land Joining to Trusselers farme & make return to the towne.

Order as to the Paster's wood

Voted that whosoever shall neglect to Carry theire proportions of wood to our Past^{r}: at or before the first of Aprill from time to time shall paye 10^{s} per Corde to be Leveyed by |warrant from the| Select men upon the Goods of any person or persons whatever that shall be defective who is hereby ordered to take said 10^{s} per Cord & therewith make good said Defect of wood—

(*page 53) Receipts

* Charles Towne ye 2^{d} June 1690 Then Rec^{d} of Thomas Kemball Constable of Wenham twentie eight shillings & five penc which with eight shillings & fowre penc allowed for five men that were out S^{r}: Edmonds time is the full of the two Money Rates & an halfe of sd Towne

Jn^{o}: Phillips
Treasur^{r}

Charles Towne Jully 17th: 1690 Then Rec^{d} of M^{r} Thomas Kemball Constable of Wenham twentie one pound five shillings & eight penc as money in full of the five Rates of s^{d} Towne which he Collected by his warrant from the Select men of s^{d} Towne—

I saye rec^{d} per Jn^{o}: Phillips
Treasur^{r}—

(*page 71) An. Town Meetg.

* At a towne meetting 3^{d} of march 1691

Selectmen

Leiut^{t} W^{m} Fiske Charles Gott Ensign Batchelder Tho^{s}: Patch & Tho^{s}: Fiske Sen^{r} are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing |Thomas Patch disaccepts the above-said vote|

Surveyors

Thomas Fiske Juni^{r}: Chosen for Servey^{r}: |for the high wayes| for the west end of the towne as far as Sam^{ll} Moultns & Joseph Fowler for the towne as far as the river & Nath^{ll} Waldern for the neck viz the east end of the towne

Selectmen

Thomas Patch disexcepting his Choice & there being an eaquall vote betwin John Peirkins & him said Peirkins is declard Select man for the yere Insueing

Grant to Rich^{d} Dodge

Richard Dodg Requesting a Grante of seaven acres of land which he is in possession of by a Bargain with

Tho^{s}: Hobbs |aleadging his Disbursment for his Releife| the towne Grant his Request upon Condition that he doe paye ten shillings more |& a load of wood| to the towne or theire order |& was accordingly paid to Goodman Hobbs|

Timber &c. on the Common

Voted that no person whatsoever shall take libertie to Cutt eyther wood or timber upon the Coñon to sell out of towne upon the peanalty of 10^{s}: per tree to be taken by warant from the Select men to the Constable the one half to the towne & the other halfe to the persons that shall be impowered to prosecute this order

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& William Fairefield & Epherim Kemball are appointed for the west end of the towne *& Richard Dodg Benjamin Edwards are Appointed for the East end.

Whereas thers Complainte made that there is Greate Spoile made in our Coñon by felling of Trees & letting them ly to be lost to ye Greate wast of o^{r} wood Its ordered that no person whatever shall fell any Tree or Trees upon said Coñon for the space of one yere from the date hereof (except Timber for building & fencing by Leave from the Select men according to former order) upon the peanalty of 10^{s} per Tree to be taken by the Constable by warante from the Select men—& the Coñitte apointed for the former order are impowered to prosecute this order—

Saw-mill near Lord's Hill

Granted to John Porter & James Freind libertie to stop a brooke in the Coñon nere Lords hill & turne it into John Porters land that so they maye have the priviledg of the watter to set up a Sawe mill—

Constable

John Dodg Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing

Adjournment

The Towne meetting is Adjourned |to March 23th| next at one of the Clock but

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At a towne meetting March 23th: 1691

J. Batchelder Jr. admitted Seat in the Meet^{s} house

John Batchelder Juni^{r}: was voted to be an Inhabitant of the towne & have towne priviledg—

Abraham Tilton have libertie granted him to build a seate in our parte of the meetting house upon the South galerye next the walle at the end next Ipswich mens seates provided there shall be two of our Inhabitants

seated with him as also when he shall remove awaye from the limits of this Congregation then his said seate to be at the townes disposall—

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* At a towne meetting march 23th: 1691 (*page 67)

by Adjournment.

Relief of Thos. Hobbs

Voted that the Select men shall take Care that there be about two acres of the best of the townes land fenct in for the releife of Thomas Hobbs provided they will promise to plante it but in Cass they will not then the Select mens bargain with Tho: Patch Josia Dodg & Nathll Waldern for theire hireing of the land which said hobbs did formerly improve to stand good

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* March 9th 1691 (*page 73)

Thos. Hobbs' Quitclaim

At a meetting of the Select men at the House where Thomas Hobbs liveth said Hobbs then quitted Claime to that land which he was in possession of by leave from the towne which was Duering theire pleasur said Hobbs then delivered possession of said land to the Select men in the presenc of Josiah Dodg John Deñese & Nathll: Walderne to be wholly at the townes dispose—

March 23th: 1691

Salem perambulation

At a meetting of the Select men Thomas Fiske Junir: Samll Fiske Senir: Thos: Kemball & Tho: Killim are appointed with full power to meet with such Salem Gentlmen as shall be sent to Mr Joseph Hericks on the 30th of this Instant at ten of the Clock to perambulate the bounds betwin Salem & Wenham

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March 30th: 1691

We whose names are underwrittn being appointed by the Select men of Salem to goe in perambulation with Wenham men that were Chosen for that end & have Joyntly owned & renewed the bounds according to an

agrement made betwine Salem & Wenham as appeares bearing date Janauary [2]7th: 1681

Isac Cooke
Pettr Cloice
Roberd Wilson
Jonathan Putnam

At a meetting of the Select men
Aprill 2: 1691

Beverly perambulation

James Freind Thomas Fiske Junir: Samuell Kemball Thomas Kemball Epherim Kemball John Edwards Benjamin Edwards & Josiah Dodg & John Bare are appointed to Joyne with such of the Select men as shall Appeare to goe in perambulation with such of Beverly as shall be sent by theire Select men to Renew & Perambulate the bounds betwine Wenham & Beverly & to meet at Leiuet: John Dodg his house on the 14th: of this Instant month at eight of the Clock in the morning.

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* At a Towne meetting October 30th: 1691

Thos. Hobbs Lease

Twas voted that the lease of the land which Thomas Hobbs improved by leave from the Towne which lease was made by the Select men in the Spring last shall hold good & be of force unlese the towne & they which have hiered it shall see Cause to make it voide—

Fortification

Twas voted that for as much as we Apprehend it our Duty to doe what we maye for our safitie in this time of Danger that there shall be a fortification built for a shelter for our women & children &c: & the matter wholly is left to be Determined both where & in what mañer to build to Leiuet: Fiske Ensign Batchelder Capt Fiske Leut: Charles Gott Corporall Dodg Tho: Patch Benjamin Edwards Corporall Freind & Samuell Kemball or the majr parte of them forthwth: to meet & Determin the matter—

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* At a Towne meetting
November 30th 1691

Lease to Widow Hobbs

Voted that the widow Hobbs shall have the use of the house that shee nowe liveth in with an acre of land adjoyn-

ing to it the oartchyard being parte of it for the time of hir widowhood & Abboard in said house provided shee shall not take in any Inmate with hir nor laye any Claime to the fee simple of it & the Select men are impowered to laye out said acre of land—

Voted also that the Select men doe forthwith laye out said acre of land & also compleat that Bargaine made by them on the townes Behalfe in the Spring of the yere last for the leating of the rest of the |towns| land which Thomas Hobbs did improve to Thomas Patch Josia Dodg & Nathaniell Waldern by making entry of it into the Towne Booke

Lease to Tho. Patch &c.

Also voted that Sam^{ll} Fiske Seni^{r}: Jn^{o}: Bare & Joseph Fowler are appointed & impowered to see that the Arrears of M^{r} Gerrish^{es}: wood rate be brought in as also that the present yers wood be paid in according to towne order.

Wood Rate

At a meetting of the Select men
November 22th 1691

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Persuant to the Towne order abovewrittn the Bargaine made with Tho^{s}: Patch Josia Dodg & Nath: Walderne for the leaseing of the Towns land (wch Tho: Hobbs did formerly improve) For the Terme of seaven yers from the first daye of March last past viz all that land lyeing bounded by Nathaniell Walderns & Richard Dodges land Westerly & Ipswich lyne northerly & Tho: Patches land Easterly & upon the Comon Easterly & Southerly be it 20 acres more or less the hortyard made up an Acre about the house being Excepted for the use of the widow to have & to hold |for the full terme abovesaid| they Yeilding & payeing fiftie shillings per yere in provision at a Curant prise to the Select men or theire order for the towns use as witnese their hands†

Lease to Tho. Patch &c.

† Canceled in the original.

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* At a meetting of the Select men December 22th: 1691

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Persueant to a towne order for the Select mens Compleating the Bargaine or lease with Thomas Patch Josia Dodg & Nath: Walderne of a Tract of Towne |land| which Tho: Hobs did formerly improve which lease or Bargaine we made with said parties in the Spring of the yere last

past for the terme of Seaven yers from the first daye of March last the land being 20 Acres be it more or less as it lyeth Bounded by the Towne Comon Southerly & Easterly partly & partly by Tho: Patch his land & by the Devisionall lyne betwine Ipswich & Wenham Northerly & by Nathaniell Walderns land & Richard Dodges land Westerly To have & to hold to the aforesd: Tho: Josia & Nath: to them & to theire heirs & Assignes for the full terme abovesd: Except one Acre of land about the house which we have laid out according to towne order they yeilding & payeing fiftie Shillings per yere to the Select men or theire order yerly for the use of the towne in good provisions at a Curant price &—in Confirmation of the abovesd: Bargaine the abovesd: Thos Patch Josia Dodge & Nathll Walderne have hereunto set theire hands.

Thomas Patch
Josiah Dodge
Nathaneal Waldern

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* Dec. 22th: 1691

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There being an objection by the persons who have hired the land which Tho: Hobs did improve that their improvement was interrupted by Richard Dodg; the Select men doe owne that Tho: Patch & Josia Dodg had onely the pasture for which they were to pay twentie shillings & there is in Richard Dodges hands & Nathaniell Walderns hand thirtie shillings more for the first yers rent—

Josia Dodge have paid by the Coffen for Thos Hobbs & one B: of Indian Corne 10s—

Tho: Patch Creditr for Hobbses: winding sheet five shillings—

Nath: Walderne is allowed 5s for his Demand for wintering Hobbses: mare—

(*page 72)

* December 23th: 1691

Land laid out to Mr. Gerrish

The Comitte Appointed have laid out to Mr. Gerrish two acres of Swamp lying betwine Robert Claflins Bounds & Mr. Smiths medow begining at a litle maple marked

on four sids which is Claflins bound next the medow & from thenc Easterly 30 pole by the edg of the medow to a litle ash with the top cutt of being also marked on foure sydes & from thenc squareing Southerly 19 pole to a stake standing at the edg of the upland 29 pole from the litle maple first mentioned.

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An. Town Meet[g]

* At a towne meetting
March 1: 1692

Moderator

Tho: Fiske Seni[r]: Chosen moderat[r] Richard Huttn John Porter James Friend M[r] Newman & Tho[s]: Fiske Sen[r] Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing—

Selectmen

Constable

William Fairefield Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing—

Sealer of Leather

William Knowlton Chosen Sealear of Lether.

Highways west part of the Town

Upon a motion made by the Inhabitants of the Towne Westerly of the Straights to take all the highwayes alridy laid & stated together with such as shall be laid out at that end of ye Towne into theire Care to make & repaire from time to time; the Towne agree to it: & free them from any further duty in repairing of highwayes els where—

Surveyors

Sam[ll] Kemball & John Bare are Chosen for Sirveyres for the high wayes in the rest of the towne for the yere Insueing—

S. Killim &c. admitted

Sam[ll] Killim John Gott & Theophelas Rix accepted as inhabitants & to have towne priviledg—

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Lease to John Denise

* Voted that John Deñise shall have libertie to take in 60 poles of land lying before his Dore & to keep it three yers & then lay it open to the Coñon againe plaine or smooth land provided he provid a bell rope forth & 1 [lb] of Cut tobaco yerely duering the sd: terme as an acknowledgment

Wood Rate

In Referance to a more efectuall waye for M[r]. Gerrishes wood Rate to be paid in Tho: Kemball, Charles Gott Juni[r] & John Edwards Sen[r] are appointed a Comitte with full power to pros[ecute] the towne order Dated March 4[th]: 1689/90.

Grant to John Coy

Voted that John Coye shall have & hold in fee simple that 25 Acres of land which his house is built upon to-

gether with a strip of upland lying betwin his fence & the path which goeth to the swamp & that strip to be made up six acres in said swamp to him & his heires forever upon Condition that he paye the towne thirteen pound Curant Silver money forth with & twelve pounds more in the same Specia at or before the first daye of March next Insueing—

Voted that the Constable shall rec: the first payment & laye it out in bills of publike Credit to the best advantag not exceeding 16^{s} for a 20^{s} bill & there with make payment to the Country Treasur^{r} upon the account of the rate which is in his hands to gather

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* At a meetting of the
Select men March 7th: 1692

Fences

Its ordered that all Generall & pertikular fences for Corne fields & Inglish Gras pasturs shall be made five Rayles or equivolent & shall be made up by the first daye of Aprill next Insueing upon the peanalty of five shillings for every Gap that doe not exceed two poles & so proportionably for greater quantities—

Item that all medow fences Generall & pertickular shall be made up by the said first daye of Aprill & so kept & maintained a good three rayle fence or equivolent from time to time upon the penalty of five shillings for every gap that doe not exceed two poles & so proportionably for greater quantities

Surveyors of fences

James Moulton Seni^{r} John Bare Joseph Fowler & Samuell Moulton are Appointed for Sirveyors of fences for the yere Insueing—

Rams

Item it shall not be Lawefull for any person to let theire Ram or Rams goe at libertie from the first daye of August next untill the last daye of October next Insueing upon the forfiture of such Ram or Rams goeing at libertie to any person that shall take up such Ram or Rams

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* At a towne meetting
Aprill 12th: 1692

Walter Fairefield Tho: Patch & Tho: Fiske are Chosen

& fully impowered as Attourneys for the towne in theire name & for theire use to Appeare in any of theire Majesties Courts to sue & prosecute against Jonathan Hobbs for that said Hobbs have Takn into his improvement a parcill of Towne Comon in that place Caled the Neck said land being about 24 Acres be it more or less and to defend in any Court as abovesd: as Also to use any other Lawefull meanes to Recover the towns right in said land out of said Hobbs improvement as fully & Amply as the towne in Generall any waye can doe Ratifieing & Confirming what the afore sd: Attourneys shall lawefully doe or cause to be don in & about the premisies—

Suit against Jon[a] Hobbs

At a towne meetting
October 5[th]: 1692

Gen[l] Court

The question being put whither our towne would send but one to the Gen[ll] Court next sitting twas voted on the Afirmative—

Representative

Twas also voted that Ensigne Walter Fairefield shall Attend the remainder of this Sessions of the Generall Court & no other—

Twas also voted that (in Answer to Ensigne Fairefields proposall that two shillings per days should be Satisfaction for his Attendance at Court) that he should have three pound of that money which is in John Coyes hands parte of it for his service alridy don & the rest of it for his service which he is Appointed for—

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* At a |Lawfull| Towne meetting
March 7[th]: 1692-3

An. Town Meet[g]

Leue[t]: William Fiske James Freind John Porter M[r] Newman Tho: Fiske Seni[r]: are Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing—

Selectmen

Tho: Fiske Seni[r]: for Towne Clarke—

Town Clerk

Nathaniell Waldern & Charles Gott Juni[r]: Chosen Constables—

Constables

Benjamin Edwards Chosen for Sealer of Leather

Sealer of Leather

Ensign Walter Fairefield Clarke of the market for sealeing of weights & measurs—

Clerk of the Market

Commissioner

Richard Huttn Chosn Coñissioner—

Tithingmen

Ensign John, Batchilder John Killim & Epherim Kem ball Chosen Titheing men for the yere Insueing

Surveyors

Sam[ll]: Fiske Sen[r]: Thomas Fiske Juni[r]: & Robert Hibbirt are Chosen Sirvey[rs] for high wayes.

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Fence-viewers

* William Fairefield & Thomas Kemball for the west end of the towne & John Peirkings & Joseph Fowler for the midle parte of the towne & Thomas Patch & John Bare for the Neck are Respectively Chosen for veiwers of fences for the yere Insueing

Gen[i] Courts doom

Voted that Ensigne Fairefield shall goe to Generall Court forthwith to prosecute an Address which was put into the Court by the Select men to Remove the Generall Courts Doome upon our Towne which they layd in the yere 1689 of 12£

Trespass on the Common

Twas voted that ye Select men |for the time being| are impowered & Appointed to be Attoourneys for & in behalf of the towne in theire name & to theire use to prosecute against all & every person that hath |or shall| conterary to the Laws of this Province or conterary to the orders of this Towne Comitted |or shall Comit| any Trespas against said Towne by doeing Dañag thereunto by fencing in any of the towns Coñon land & in pertickulare Johnathan Hobbs thereby to hinder the Coñoners from the benefit thereof or by felling wood or Timber on said Towns Coñon land or Causeing the same to be don whereby the propriet[rs]: of said Coñons are damnified or by doeing said Coñon Damag any other waye; we doe fully impower our said Select men or the maj[r]: part of them to prosecute such offenders by acction at Lawe before Lawfull Authoritie & also to Remove any ston wall fenc or any other fenc whatsoever the Select men shall find standing upon our Coñon & in pertickular to remove Jonathan Hobbs his fenc, & we also appointe & impower the said Select men to defend in the towne Right in any of their Majesties Courts in this Provinc Rattifieing alloweing & Confirming w[t] soever they shall Lawfully doe or Cause to be don in & about the premisies—

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* Also tis voted that the Select men for this present yere are impowered to make such prudentiall orders about

fences for Corne feilds & other Inclousers as shall be nessesary according to theire Judgments for the benefit of the Inhabitants & for the well ordering of swine to prevent them from doeing of Damag: & also for the well ordering of sheep & the sheep pastur; & also to make orders for the preserveing of timber upon the Comon from being wasted & misimproved & that what libertie shall be granted by the Select men or the maj^{r}: part of them to any of the Inhabitants of the towne to Cut timber on the Comon be enterd in the Towne booke

Fences

The Towne meetting is Adjourned to the next mondaye Com Senite at twelve of the Clock at the meetting house—

Adjournment

At Town Meetting
March 20th: 1692-3

Voted that that percill of upland which lyeth Joyning to Ipswich lyne betwine Tho: Patch his land & Richard Dodges land which land was formerly improved by Tho: Hobbs late deceased
shall be sold to procure money to paye the Towns debts as also a percill of swamp land which is the Towns lyeing betwine Turnup bridg & John Coyes Dam as also a Slip of upland lyeing Westerly from Longham medow betwin said medow & Richard Dodges land which he bought of W^{m} Dicksey:

Land to be Sold

Voted also that ye Select men or the maj^{r}: parte of them are impowered to make sale of the abovesaid lands or eyther of said percills for the procureing of money to paye Constable Sam^{ll}: Fiske &c. & w^{t} shall be found overplus if any of said sales & wth w^{t} is in John Coyes hands shall be for the townes use towards the payment of this great rate

Also James Freind m^{r} Newman & Sam^{ll}: Kemball are appointed a Comittee to Adjust accompts betwin the towne & pertickular persons—

Accounts

Also twas voted that the Select men shall take Care that Jonathan Hobbs his Just bill of Cost against Thomas Patch & the rest be paid

Jon^{a} Hobbs Bill of Cost

* M^{r} Gerrish propounding libertie to the town to pur-

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Mr. Gerrish's proposal as to house

chase that house & land which Tho: Fiske Junir: liveth in: The towns Answer is that they doe not se meet to purchas it—

J. Friend and J. Dodg admitted

Also James Freind & Josiah Dodg are accepted as Towne Inhabitants & to have towne privilidges

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Manchester perambulation

* This is to Certifye all whom it may Concerne that Lt: John Sibley & mr: Thos: West: & Robert Leach: are chosen and Impowered to Joyne in perambulation with Wenham men upon ye 17th: day of Aprill 1693 or the next fair day—

Thomas Tewpbery per order
Select men of Manchester

Wee the subscribers being Appointed by the Select men of our Townes of Wenham & Manchester to meett together to run the lyne of perambulation betweene our Townes & to sett rang bounds upon the lyne betwene the great white oake tree with a heap of stones about it & marked with **W** & **M** & the pine stump standing near Ipswich lyne we have accordingley this sevententh day of Aprill Anno Dom̃: 1693. being mett together marked a small black oak tree standing upon a small knowle & a clump of four maples standing in the swamp whereof we marked two of said maples & then we marked a small Hemlock tree standing on the brow of a hill & from thence to goe along to the pine stump near Ipswich lyne & these severall bounds we have settled to be rang bounds between our Townes of Wenham & Manchester, & have hear unto sett our hands:

John Sibley	John Newman	for Wenham
Thomas West	John Porter	
Robart Leach	Richd Dodge Senr	
for Manchester	John Edwards Senr	
	Benja: Edwards	
	Nathaniel Walderne	

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* Charles Towne May 19th: 1693

Then Receivd of Mr Samll Fiske Constable of Wen-

ham one hundred & two pound as money in full of the twentie Corne Rates for said towne Receipts

I saye Received; by John Phillips
Treasur[r].

Charles Towne May 19[th]: 1693

Then Rec[d]: of M[r] Sam[ll] Fiske Constable of Wenham the sum of twentie foure pound one shilling & ten pence in parte of the last two mony Rates & halfe & sixtie foure pound five shillings as money in part of the ten Rates of said Towne

I saye Rec[d]: per John Phillips
Treasur[r]:

That what is above Enterd are true Coppies of the abovesaid Treasur[rs] Receipts

†Attests Tho: Fiske Seni[r]:
Town Clarke

† On the 80th page of the original is entered a copy of a receipt the same as this, except it is dated May 9th instead of May 19th.

* At a meetting of the Select men (*page 95)
Jun: 5[th]: 1693—

Leuet[t] Fiske paid the Glaser 13[s]: 6[d] for the Townes use & one shilling paid to the Select mens use when Serjent Patch paid his mony Account

Item then paid 1[s] mony by Tho: Fiske Seni[r] to the Select men for theire Expences—|w[ch] was towns mony in their hands.|

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* At a towne meetting (*page 80)
Jun: 19: 1693—

Benjamin Edwards & Thomas Fiske Juni[r]: are Chosen to serve at the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace & Comon Pleas on the Jury of Tryals Jurymen

Voted that Ensign Fairefield shall have seaven pound one shilling for his service at Generall Court as Representitive the two first Sessions of the Generall Court in the yere 1692: besids that three pound mony Rec[d]: in October last past in full of all accounts according to the Comitteys returne—Also voted that the Select men shall Representative

paye him foure shillings for Cost as also the affores[d]: sum̃e of seaven pound one shilling; five & twentie shillings alridy orderd upon our last list being there allowed to him as parte of the seaven pound five shillings to be substracted the remainder now due being six pound— |which the Select men paid him|—

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* At a Towne meetting
July 30[th]: 1694

Assessors

Leivet[t]: W[m] Fiske Walter Fairfield & Thomas Fiske Seni[r]: are Chosen assossors for the yere Insueing—

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* At a Towne Meetting
October 17[th]: 1693—

Topsfield Bounds

Severall of the Inhabitants of Topsfield having propounded for an alteration of that part of the Devissionall lyne betwin Topsfield & our Towne as twas formerly stated viz that parte from the brooke at James Moultons Illand towards Mr. Saltonstalls medow: the towne have nowe by theire vote impowered M[r] Jn[o] Newman John Peirkings & Tho: Kemball to make an alteration of said parte of lyne they meetting with a Comitte which Topsfield shall appointe with full power who together shall make & compleat the aboves[d]: alteration

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Rates

* Delivered to Constable Fairefield a Towne Rate Dated December 19[th]: 1693 amounting to the full sum̃ of 51£: 19[s]: 10 paye & 18£: 9[s]: 7[d] money for the payment of 50£ in paye & 10 pound in or as mony to M[r] Gerrish for this Instant yers Salery as also 10[s] for Richard Kemballs former Rates & 6[s]: 10[d] in Sam[ll] Fiske Rate which was directed to him wherein Capt Dodg was over Charged which 16[s]: 10[d] M[r] Gerrish is to Receive in paye—

It twentie Shillings ordered to Constable Fairefield mony for collecting said Rate—also ordered to Constable Fairefield five pound nine shillings & six penc mony for so much paid & ingeagd to be paid Jonathan Hobbs in the towns behalfe—

Also ordered to Goodman Woodward ten shillings mony the rest of the mony being one pound ten shillings to be paid to the Select men for the towns use—

Also to Leiv^{t}: Fiske & M^{r} Newman Eight shillings in paye for service don for the town

Also 15^{s}: pay to Josia Dodg for Damages that he sustained in his Constablship & service don for the towne—

Also delivered a wood Rate of 32 Coard Dated Dec. 25: 1693. — Wood Rate

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* At a towne meetting — (*page 78)
Janauary 9th: 1693

Thomas Fiske Seni^{r}: Chosen for moderat^{r}: — Moderator

& the Towne meetting is Adjourned to the 23th daye of this Instant month at 12 of the Clock at the meetting house. — Adjournment

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* At a Towne meetting — (*page 82)
March 6th 1693/4 — Ann. Town Meet^{g}

Ensign Walter Fairefield Chosen for moderat^{r}: — Moderator

Levetant William Fiske M^{r} Newman Ensign Batchelder San^{ll} Kemball & William Fairefield Chosen for Select men for the yere Insueing. |William Fiske desent from his chors| — Selectmen

Joseph Fowler Chosen Constable for the yere Insueing— — Constable

Joseph Batchelder & John Bare Chosen for Sirvey^{rs} of the high wayes for the yere Insueing— — Surveyors

James Friend John Dodg Juni^{r}: Charles Gott Juni^{r}: & Thomas Killim Chosen for vewers of fences for the yere Insueing— — Fence Viewers

Ensign Walter Fairefield Chosen for Com̃issioner for Assesments for the yere Insueing— — Commission for Assessm^{t}

John Peirkins Nathanill Walderne & Samuell Fiske Senir: Chosen for Tithing men for the yere Insueing— — Tithingmen

Granted to Moses Steevens the use of the lower percill of |Com̃on| land which Jonathan Hobbs layeth claime to for the full terme of two yers & the upper percill for the terme of his owne & his wives life & at the end of the aboves^{d}: Terme of time to returne to the townes use againe— — Lease to Moses Stevens

Committee to inquire as to land claimed

There is Chosen as a Coñitte Samuell Kemball Corporall James Friend & William Fairefield to inquire into & make report to the towne at the Adjournment or Adjournments of this meetting & give theire opinion to the towne in all the Cases of Deifferance that is betwine the said towne & perticular persons about lands that are Claimed *by said pertickular persons & Denied by the said Towne as namely the Swamp laid out to Deacon Fiske & also to Consider as afforesaid of the layeing out the Swamp in the neck & nere the pond cald Pleasant pond & allso the Swamp Claimed by John Leech & all other Incroachments knone in the towne; and also to Consider of John Bares Complainte against the towne

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* March 16th: 1693

Liberty to cut trees on the Common

At a meetting of the Select men Libertie Granted to Wm Fisk Junir to Cutt two hundred of Rayles & Posts for them—& to Levtt: Fiske to Cut the lik quantitie & to Benjamin Edwards two hundred of rayles & posts for them—

to James Freind the like quantitie and Ezeikle Woodward the like quantitie—

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* At a Towne meetting
March 20th: 1693/4

Field-drivers or Haywards

John Moultn & John Batcheldr Junir: Chosen for field Drivers or Haywards for the yere Insueing

Horses

Samuell Moultn & John Bare Chosn to se to the orderly goeing of Horses upon the Coñon for the yere Insueing

Shepherd

Also voted that the Select men take Care & provide Shephearde for the sheep that goe upon the Coñon

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* Att a meeting of the Select men of Wenham
March 28th 1694:

Beverly perambulation

Then a noate was drawn upon the Select men of Beverly to Choose men to perambulate the line & renew the

bounds between our Towne and said Beverly: & to meet at the hous of Benj[a]: Edwards in said Wenham on the 10[th] Day of Aprill next: Att about nine of the Clock in the fore noone. Which note was on the 29[th] Day of said March Delivered to Deacon Peter Woodberrey one of the Select men of said Beverly: for the end aforesaid:

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* At a towne meetting (*page 83)
Aprill 3[rd]: 1694

Mr. Gerrish's Salary

Voted that the one third part of Mr Gerrish[es] Salery shall be paid in mony & the other two thirds according to a former agreement which is the one halfe of it in porke & Inglish graine oats Excepted & the other halfe in Butter & Indian Corne viz two pound |of Butter| for every milsh cowe.

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* Aprill 3[d]: 1694 (*page 84)

Rates

Delivered to Constable Joseph Fowler a Countie Rate of Eight pound fifteen Shillings to be paid according to the Select mens order

Also a Towne Rate of 5£: 4[s]: 1[d] to be paid to the Select men for the Towns use to procure Amunittion; said rate to be paid in at or before the 21[th] of this Instant Aprill—

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* Wee whose names are underwritten being appointed by the Select men of Ipswich to meet with those Gentlemen of Wenham that should appear to perambulate; on the lyne between Ipswich and Wenham & to renew the bounds wee did accordingly meet together on the seventh of this Instant May and began att a Stump standing in M[r] Fairefields pasture which stump was sett about with four stones and is said to be the stump of the Center tree & we found two small trees standing near said stump the one a small white oak & the other a black or red oake which ware both marked with two stroakes with a marking Iyron which wee renewed & so went along & renewed the bounds on the lyne till we came to a pine Stump with a stake standing in the middle of it which stake is marked (*page 87)

Ipswich perambulation

with I. W and M. where we met with Manchester men—
Dated May: 7th: 1694

Robart Kinsman
John Burnam Junr
Isaac Ring
Joseph Whipple Tersha

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Salem perambulation

* Salem March 23: Annº: 1693/4

Mr Joseph Porter Mr Jona Putnam Mr Benja Gerrish & Jos. Walcott or any three of them as Appointed and Deseired to perambulate on the bounds betwixt Salem & Wenham and for that end are Appointed to meet with Wenham men att Mr. Joseph Porters the third Tuesday in Aprill next att ten of the Clock in the morning to performe that worke

Per order of the Select men of Salem

Robt Kitchen — —

Wee whose names are under written, being mett together this 17th Day of Aprill Anno 1694
According to the Appointment of our townes of Salem & Wenham to perambulate on the lyne between our townes wee have accordingley renewed the bounds which ware formerly owned by our townes which are as followeth begining att a white oake tree marked with S. and W. and sett about with stones which tree standeth neare the Northwardley end of Wenham Causway & from thence to a heap of stones at the Eastwardley end of Wenham Causway aforesaid & so to a black oake tree marked with S. & W. being Mr Andrews Corner bound and so to a white oake marked with S. & W. standing neare the head of the lyne between Wenham & Beverley—as witness our hands:

Joseph Porter	John Newman	for Wenham Select men
Jonathan Putnam	William Fairefield	
	Samll Kemball	

The above is truly compared with the origanell
Attest William Kogon Town Clerk

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* At a Towne meetting (*page 84)
Maye 11th: 1694

Thos: Fiske Senir Chosen for Representitive for the towne at the Genll: Court next Insueing. Representatives

Benjamin Edwards & Robert Hibbirt are Chosen for to serve on the Gran Jury at the next Superir: Court at Ipswich & Ensign Walter Fairefield & Tho: Fiske Junir: to serve on the Jury of Tryalls Jurymen

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* At a Towne meetting (*page 95)
July 30th: 1694

Leivet: Wm Fiske Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske Senir: are Chosen Assessors for the yere Insueing— Assessors

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* A Towne Rate Comitted to Constable Joseph Fowler to bee paid in money amounting to twelve pounds six shillings 6d } 12£: 6s: 6d: (*page 96) Rate
Dated Octobr: 26 1694 }
for the making up of the Townes Stocke of Amunition & paying the Representative: and other nessisary Towne Charges

Gave the Constable order to pay out of the above said Rate to Carpenter Samuel Fiske one shilling 7d: for rates which he could not Gather when Constable—and to Robart Hebbart one shilling he being over rated in a former Rate & the Remainder being twelve pounds three shillings 11d said Constable was ordered to pay in to the Select men for the Townes use. and said Constable was ordered to Collect & Gather the same & make payment of it by the first day of December next Ensueing said Constable was allowed upon said Rate six shillings for Collecting.

A Towne Rate Dated Novemr: 21th 1694 Rate
made & comitted to Constable Joseph Fowler amounting to fourtey two pounds nineteen shillings }
In pay and } 42£.19.0
twenty pounds four shillings & }
9d in money — — } 20£.4.9.

To pay to the Reverend M[r] Joseph Gerrish for his Sallerery: in pay fourtey pounds— 40£.0.0.
and in money twentey pounds. 20£.0.0.
in the whole sixtey pounds according to the Townes Agrement — 60£.0.0.
and to pay to Robart Symonds for Ringing the bell & swepeing the meeting hous for this yeare 1694 In pay thirtey shillings 1£.10.0.
and to farmer Jn° Porter for a bell Rope for the meeting hous In pay four shillings 0.4.0.
to Sam[ll] Fiske Carpenter for Rates he could not gather when Constable In pay nine shillings 8[d] — — 0.9.8.
to W[m] Fairfield eight shillings in pay that was short cast in last years Town rate Comitted to him 0.8.0
and eight shillings more in pay for to make a Cossett in the meeting hous for the Am̃unition 0.8.0
and to Goodman Woodward In money four shillings & 9[d] for the Select mens Expences about the Townes buisness: also deliverd to him a wood Rate of thirtey Cords —

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* At a towne meetting
Janauary 29[th]: 1694

Moderator

Ensign Walter Fairefield Chosen for moderat[r]: —

Timber cut by persons not inhabitants

Voted that it shall be lawfull for any Inhabitant of our towne to Carry awaye any wood or timber that shall be cut downe upon our Common by any person or persons that live out of Towne —

W[m] Knowlton Rent

Voted that whereas W[m] Knowlton is Defective in non payment of the yerely rent for the towne land which is in his improvement of that the towne shall reenter upon said land —

Swamp lots at the east end of the town

Voted that whereas there have bin severall lots of swampe laid out at the East end of our town & the persons to whom the lotts were laid have bestowed Cost in clereing the towne will reimburse them for theire Cost in Cass they will relinquish theire right & quit claime

Voted that the abovesd: lotts were laid out Conterary to towne order

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* At a towne meetting (*page 85)
Feberary 5th: 1694/5

Charles Gott Senir: Walter Fairefield & Thomas Fiske Senir: together with the Select men are appointed a Comitte with full power they or the majr: part of them to prosecute in a Course of lawe against any person or persons whatsoever that have or shall hereafter trespas upon our towne Comon by felling cutting or carrying awaye any wood or timber & the towne doe warrant & promise to stand by & Defend them in wt they shall leagally doe on theire behalfe as abovesaid— Trespass on the Common

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* At a Generall Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham March 5th 1694/5 (*page 97) An. Town Meetg

Ensigne Walter Fairfield Chosen Moderator for the meeting Moderator

Capt Thomas Fiske Lt. Wm Fiske Ensigne Walter Fairfield Wm Fairfield and John Newman Chosen Select men for the yeare Insuing— Selectmen

John Newman Chosen Towne Clerke for the yeare Ensuing. Town Clerk

Voted that ther shall be two Constables chosen for this yeare Constables

Ephraim Kemball and Josiah Dodge Chosen Constables for the yeare Ensuing—

Ensigne Walter Fairfield Chosen Clearke of the markett for sealing of weights & measures for this year Ensuing Clerk of the Market & Sealer of weights

Benjamin Edwards Chosen for sealer of Leather— Sealer of Leather

Sergt Richard Hutton James Moulton & John Abbey Chosen Tythingmen for the yeare Ensuing— Tithingmen

John Edwards Senr John Porter & Joseph Herrick chosen for Surveyrs of High ways for the year Ensuing— Surveyors

Sergt James Freind & Wm Fairfield Chosen for Surveyrs of fences att the west end of the Towne: Fenceviewers

Thomas Fiske Junr & Robart Hebbart Senr Chosen Surveyrs of fences for the rest of the Towne: for the year Ensuing.

Joseph Fiske & Jonathan Moulton Chosen for Haywards for the yeare Ensuing— Haywards

Horses

John Dodge Jun^{r} & John Gott Chosen to se to the orderley going of Horses upon the Coñon for the yeare Ensuing

Treasurer

L^{t} Charles Gott Chosen for Towne Treashure^{r} for the year Ensuing

Rate for the Suit against Beverly

Voted that the Select men shall forthwith make a Rate of six pounds upon the Inhabitants to be paid in money & coñitt the same to the Constables to Collect & pay in to the Towne Treasure^{r} for the Townes use for the prosecuting of our case against Beverly.

Ipswich Bounds

Voated that L^{t} Gott Serg^{t} Freind Samuel Kemball & the Select men or the Majo^{r} part of them are Appointed a Coñittey fully Impowered to Joyne with those of Ipswich that shall appear to settle the bound line between our Towne and Ipswich westward of the Center Tree—

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Trespass on the Common

* Voated that the Select men and L^{t} Gott or the Majo^{r} part of them are Appointed & fully Impowered as Attorneys for the Towne to prosecute & defend in the Townes behalf att law or otherwise any person or persons that either have or shall hearafter trespas upon the Coñon land in our Towne by Cutting or Carrying away of any of our wood or timber Contrarey to law & what they or the Majo^{r} part of them shall lawfully doe or caus to be done the Towne will stand by Ratteyfie & Conferme the same.

W^{m} Knowlton

Voated that it is left to the Select men to agree with W^{m} Knowlton about the Townes land which he Improves for the time to come & also to settle & agree with him about the Rent which he owes to the Towne for said land for the time past.

Grave-diggers

The Towne have Agreed with John Severett that he shall digg the Graves for this yeare Ensuing as need shall require and the said Severett doth Agree to performe said service for Reasonable sattisfaction, as wittness his hand

The marke of

John ⎫ Severett

The above is a true Copie of the Agreement with Good-

man Severett to which said Severett sett his hand
as Attest:

John Newman
Towne Clerke

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* A Towne Rate made April 10th 1695. (*page 99)

Rate

For the Defending the Townes Interest & paying the Captt for going Representative to ye Generall Court ther last Sestions — which Rate was made in two Lists & Coñitted to the two Constables Viz—

Constable Ephraim Kemballs List amounted to four pounds fourteen shillings	4£.14.0
out of which he was ordered to pay to Lt Charles Gott Town Treasurr for the Townes use four pounds ten shillings 9d	4£.10.9
& the remaindr being three shillings 3d was allowed him for Collecting	0.3.3.

which list was to be paid in money:

Constable Josiah Dodges List amounted to three pounds fiveteen shillings & 4d	3£.15.4
out of which List he was ordered to pay to Lt: Charles Gott Towne Treashurr three pounds twelve shillings 7d	3£.12.7
the remainder being two shillings & 9d was allowed him for Collecting —	0.2.9

which list was to be paid in money — — —
both which Lists ware to be Collected forthwith In money & paid in to the Towne Treasurr so as to Cleare ther accounts with him att or before the Twenteyeth Day of May next Ensuing—

Att a meeting of the Select men
Aprill 22th: 1695:

Account

An account of the above said Rates was Coñitted to Lt Gott Towne Treashurr and he was ordered to make pay ment upon the Townes acct to the severall persons hear-after mentioned the Towne being Indebted to them the severall sums hearafter expressed for money that they

had laid out & service done for the Towne: upon ballance of ther perticuler accounts to the day aboves[d] Viz. To Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske for going Representative to Gen[ll] Court at the Sestions began the 27[th] Feb[ry] last past and for service as an assesso[r] & a day going to Ipswich Court Two pounds nine shillings money } £2.9.0
L[t] W[m] Fiske six shillings 6[d] "0.6.6
Ensigne Fairfield Two pound seven shillings "2.7.0
John Newman for sum̃onses & Copies out of the Towne booke seven shillings 9[d] — "0.7.9

Caried to the other side 5.10.3

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* Brought from below on the other side five pounds ten shillings 3[d] £5.10.3
W[m] Fairfield for money lent & time expended four pounds 4.00.0
James Freind Sam[ll] Kemball: Tho[s] Fiske Jun[r] Ephr[a] Kemball: W[m] Fiske Jun[r] Sam[ll] Fiske Sen[r] Taylo[r] & Jn[o] Herrick: to each four shillings a peice for service as Witnesses — 1.08.0
Serg[t] Hutton John Porter Sam[ll] Kellum Charles Gott Jun[r] Joseph Herrick & Theop: Rix: to each two shillings apeice for going to Court a day for witnesses— 0.12.0
Ensigne Batcheler for money lent ten shillings 0.10.0
L[t] Gott for money & going to Court a day: four shillings — 0.04.0

12. 4.3

Att the same Day being Aprill 22[th] 1695.

Constables Account

Then Reconed and accounted with Constable Joseph Fowler for the Towne Rate that was Com̃itted to him Dated October 26[th] 1694 to be paid in money and said Constable had made payment out of the same by severall pay ments to severall persons to whome the Towne was Indebted for money lent for the procuring Am̃unition to make up the Townes Stocke & paying the Representa-

tive for service at Gen^{ll} Court: and severall that had done service for the Towne which pay ments ware allowed by the Select men & amounted to Ten pounds two shillings 2^{d} so that the ballance Remaining due to the Towne upon said Rate was Two pounds four shillings & 4^{d}: money— Which ballance [and] account of it was Comitted to L^{t} Charles Gott Towne Treashur^{r} to looke after as a Towne debt.—

Voated att the adjournment of a Generall Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham March 10^{th} 1696/7 that the said Joseph Fowler paying eighteen shillings money to the towne Treashurer forthwith, for the Townes use he shall be acquitted & discharged of the Two pounds foure shillings 4^{d} money due to the towne one ballance of account made up as mentioned.

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* Aprill y^{e} 30^{th} 1695 (*page 101)

Rate

A Country Rate Dated Ap^{ll} 5^{th} 1695 which Rate was made in Two lists and Comitted to the Two Constables to Collect: with a warrant to each Constable from the Treashure^{r} for Collecting the same: which Rate amounted to Thirtey nine pounds seven shillings & 3^{d} in ye whole— Constable Ephraim Kemballs list amounted to Twentey five pounds ten shillings & 1^{d} out of which he was ordered to pay to M^{r} James Taylo^{r} Countrey Treashure^{r} according to his warrant Twentey foure pounds eight shillings and to allow Ensigne Fairfield nineteen shillings 2^{d} which he had disburst for the Townes use & the Remainder of his list being two shillings & 11^{d} was allowed him for Collecting—Constable Josiah Dodges list amounted to Thirteen pounds seventeen shillings & 2^{d} out of which he was ordered to pay M^{r} James Taylo^{r} Countrey: Treashure^{r} Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings. The Remainder being Three shillings 2^{d} was allowed him for Collecting—

Representative

Att a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham: May: 3^{d}: 1695—assembled for Chosing of a Representative for the next Generall Court according to the Sherriffs presept: & four Juro^{rs} for the next Superiour Court to be

held at Ipswich— The Towne did then by ther Voate declare that they Judge themselves to be under such sircomestances that they are not obliged by Law to send a Representative not haveing so many frehold[rs] qualified as the law directs—and the Towne then made Choyce of John Edwards & Benj[a] Edwards to serve on the Grand Jurey at the next Superiour Court to be held at Ipswich & also they made Choyce of John Newman & William Fairfield to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls: at said Court.

Att a meeting of the Select men
May the 28[th] 1695.

Sexton

Then agreed with Ensigne Jn[o] Batcheler to Ring the bell & sweep the meeting hous for this year Ensuing: and he to have for said service of the Towne Thirtey shillings in pay to be added in the Town Rate that is made for M[r] Gerrishes Sallerey for this yeare

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
June 7[th] 1695

Account

Then ther was paid & delivered to L[t] Charles Gott Towne Treashur[r]: for the Townes use by the Select men In money: eight pounds two shillings and on the 10[th] Day of June ther was paid & delivered to said L[t] Gott Towne Treashure[r] for the Townes use by said Select men in money: one pound seventeen shillings.

Att a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham: the 18[th] June 1695—

Jurymen

The Towne then made Choyce of Serg[t] Thomas Patch to serve on the Grand Jurey at the next Generall Sestions of the Peace to be holden at Salem and Cap[tt] Fiske & John Bare to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the next Inferio[r] Court of Comon Pleas to be holden att Salem on the last Tuesday of this Instant.

Abatement for Goodman Haggett

Voated that Considering the afflicting hand of God upon Goodman Haggetts familey the Towne see Caus to order that the Select men doe allow & pay to Constable Josiah Dodge |in mony| out of the Towne Treashurey: Good-

man Haggetts Countrey Rate now due which is six shillings & 4^{d} mony: and also his last Towne Rate being one shilling and 4^{d} mony —- — that so the Constable may suspend the Collecting sd. Haggetts rate till further order:

Account

Att a meeting of the Select men June the 26th 1695:
Then said Select men received from L^{t} Gott Towne Treashure^{r} by John Edwards in mony: Thirtey shillings which was Improved for the Townes use In paying Wittnesses & defending the Townes Interest against Beverley at Salem Court—

Account

Att a meeting of the Select men on the 16th Day of July 1695—
Then L^{t} Charles Gott Towne Treashurer was ordered to pay out of the Townes money in his hands to W^{m} Fairefield for Gitting L^{t} Dodg sworne before M^{r} Hawthorne to the Agreement & Setlem^{t} of ye line between Wenham & Beverley & measure of Wenham Comon seven shillings and to Tho^{s} Fiske Jun^{r} for the Select mens Expences when they mett with Beverley to perambulate one shilling & 3^{d}

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of the Towne of Wenham: July 24th 1695—

Assessments

The Towne then made Choyce of Cap^{tt} Thos Fiske for a Representative to goe to the Generall Court att ther next Sessions to se to gett the abatement of the Cannada: heads perfected — — —

Rates

Att a meeting of the Select men the 14th Day of August 1695 for the assessing & proportioning of the sum of Twenty four pounds on the poles & Estates leying within the Towne of Wenham according to warrant from ye Treashur^{r} Dated July 10th 1695:—

Accordingly a List was made and sent to the Treashure^{r} amounting to £25. 2. 2

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of which Constable Ephraim Kemballs part amounted to	£13.13. 3
out of which he is to pay to the Treashure[r] Thirteen pounds five shillings	£13. 5. 0
The Remaind[r] being 8[s] 3[d] is allowed said Constable for Collecting —	00. 8. 3
Constable Josiah Dodges part amounted to Eleven pound 8[s] 11[d]	11. 8.11
out of which he is to pay to the Ten pound fivetene shillings	10.15.00
To Goodman Woodward for the Selectmens Expences —	00.03.00
The Remainder being ten shillings & 11[d] is alowed said Constable for Collecting —	00.10.11
	11. 8.11

Rates

Att a meeting of the Select men the 14[th] of October: 1695—Then a List was made upon the poles & Estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham: in two Lists amounting to £32. 3. 6

Constable Ephraim Kemballs List amounted to — —	£17.19.10
out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashure[r] according to his warrant: Twelve pounds seven shillings & 5[d]——	12. 7. 5
& to Josiah Dodge for money he had paid for townes use by order from the Treashure[r] four pounds sixteen shillings & 2[d]	4.16. 2
and to Goodman Woodward for the Select mens Expences in making the Lists	00.05. 6
The Remainder being Tenn shillings & 9[d] was allowed him for Collecting—	00.10. 9
	£17.19.10

* Constable Josiah Dodges List or part of the £32: 3.6 (*page 104)
Entered below on the other side amounted to £14. 3.8

out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashure[r] according to his warrant nine pounds twelve shillings & 4[d] —	£9.12.4
and four pounds was allowed him out of said List in part of money which he paid for for the Towne by order from the Treashure[r]	4.00.0
The Remainder being Eleven shillings & 4[d] was allowed him for Collecting said List	00.11.4
	£14. 3.8

Att a meeting of the Select men
the 15[th] of October 1695—

Farmer John Porter's bounds

Then a note was sent to farm[r] John Porter to give him notice to meet att the hous of Serg[t] Freind on the 22[th] of this Instant att three of the Clock in the after noone to perambulate the line & renew the bounds between his said Porters land att the Westerley End of the Towne & the Town Cõmon, and L[t] Fiske & Serg[t] Freind are Appointed by the Select men for that service with such others as shall appeare & meet with them

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Att a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham Octob[r] 15[th] 1695—

B. Edward's proposal as to Beverly Case

Benjamin Edwards his proposalls to the Towne of Wenham

Whereas the Towne of Beverley did Arrest him to the last Enferio[r] Court of Cõmon Pleas held att Salem for fencing in some land & then did recover Judgment against him, and thereupon s[d] Edwards did Appeale to the next Superio[r] Court —said Edwards now propoundeth to the Towne of Wenham that if they will Ingage to Defend him from damage upon the full Tryall of the Case they shall have the benefitt of the Judgment in case he can obtain itt.

Benjamin Edwards—†

† The signature is not original on the Record.

Voated that the Towne will Espouse the Case & Ingage to defend the said Edwards from damage upon the full Tryall of said Case upon the proposalls above mentioned

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Receipt

* Boston October 22th 1695

Recd of Mr Joseph Fowler Consta of Wenham fourtey one pounds nine shillings in full of a Warrant for seventey two pounds two shillings & four pence I say Recd for Mr James Taylor Treasurr

£41.9.0

Per Jer. Allen—

The above—true Copie of the originall receipt as delivered to me to Enter

Attest John Newman Town Cler—

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B. Edwards' account

* Att a meeting of the Select men Decemr ye 13th 1695. Received of Benja Edwards in money on ye Townes behalf one pound five shillings 2d being ye remainder yt was not laid out for the Towne in managing ye Case against Beverly wch 25s 2d was putt into Ensigne Fairfields hands—

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Jurymen

* Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of the Towne of Wenham assembled Novemr 5th 1695 for the Choice of Jurors to serve at the next Superiour Court to be held att Salem Novembr: 12th 1695 The Towne made Choice of Ensigne Jno Batcheler & Samll Fiske Senr to serve on the Grand Jurey: and John Porter & Thos Fiske Junr John Bare & John Coy to serve on ye Jurey of Tryalls.

Rate

Att a meeting of the Select men
December the 13th 1695

A Towne rate was made for paying Mr Gerrishes Sallerey for the year 1695 & other Towne Charges amounting to the sum of fourtey two pounds eight shillings 3d in pay and Twentey pounds sixteen shillings & 8d in money — £42. 8.3
"20.16.8

which rate was made in two Lists and comitted to ye two Constables Viz Cons[t] Kemball & Cons[t] Josiah Dodge with a warrant upon each List

Constable Ephraim Kimballs List amounted to in pay Twenty thre pounds six shillings & 3[d] & eleven pounds eleven shillings in money—

out of which he was ordered to pay to the Reverend M[r] Joseph Gerrish in pay Twentey one pounds four shillings ——	£21—4.0
and in or as money Eleven pounds eleven shillings—	£11.11.0
To Ensigne John Batcheler for keeping ye meeting hous & ringing ye bell for this Instane year: in pay one pound ten shillings—	£01—10.0
The remainder being Twelve shillings and 3[d] was allowed him for Collecting	00.12.3

Rates

Constable Josiah Dodges List amounted to in pay nineteen pounds two shillings & nine pounds five shillings & 8[d] in money out of which List he was ordered to pay

To the Reverent M[r] Joseph Gerrish in pay Eighteen pounds sixteen shillings —	£18.16.0
& in or as money eight pound nine shillings	"08. 9.0
To Thomas Fiske Jun[r] for the Select mens Expences on ye Townes acco[t] ——	00. 6.0
and six shillings money was allowed him in part of money the towne owed him—	00. 6.0
The remainder being four shillings 8[d] money & six shillings in pay is allowed you for Collecting	00.10.8

said Constables ware ordered forthwith to Collect said Rate & se that the same was paid in to the severall persons to whome it was ordered so that they might Cleare & Isue ther accounts with the Select men att or before the first day of March next Ensuing— Also a wood Rate of Thirtey one Cords & half in two lists with a warrant on each list—

(*page 106) * Constable Kemballs List being Eighteen Cords & five foott— Constable Dodges List Twelve Cords & seven foot —both Lists to be p^{d} into M^{r} Gerrish by ye 1st of Ap^{ll} next—

Rates Att a meeting of the Select men the 16th Day of Decemb^{r} Anno Dom̃: 1695.

A Rate was made on the poles & Estates in Wenham in two Lists amounting to the sum̃ of Twentey seven pounds eighteen shillings & 11^{d} to be paid in mony for sattisfiing & making up old arrears: by ord^{r} from ye Treashure^{r} £27.18.11

which Rates or lists ware Com̃itted to the two Constables viz. Cons^{t} Ephr^{a} Kemball & Cons^{t} Josiah Dodge with a warrant on each List — — — — —

Constable Ephr^{a} Kemballs List was: £15.7.0

he was ordered to pay to Constable Josiah Dodge towards sattisfiing the Treashure^{rs} orders drawn upon said Dodge fiveteen pounds one shilling £15.1.0

the remainder being 6^{s} was allowed him for Collecting said List —— 00.6.0

Constable Josiah Dodges List —— £12.11.9

wher of he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashure^{r} or ord^{r} Eleven pounds thre shillings & 9^{d} ——— 11.3.9

To Thomas Fiske Jun^{r} for the Select mens Entertainment four shillings ——— 00.4.0

The Remainde^{r} of said List being one pound four shillings was allowed said Constable to make up with what he had formerley received in full the dammage he sustained on ye townes acc^{t} by Treashure^{r} Phillippses sending an Execution to him formerly & for Collecting this present List —— 1.4.0

Account

Att the same meeting of ye Select men an order was drawn upon L[t] Gott Towne Treashure[r] to pay to Josiah Dodge for giving Evidence on ye Townes behalf mony ——— £0.3.0
& to Serg[t] Tho[s] Patch in part of what the Towne ows him mony ——— "0.3.0

Jurors

Att a meeting of the freholders and Inhabitants of Wenham Decem[r] 22[th] 1695 for Choyce of Juro[rs] for the next Enferio[r] Court of Co̅mon Pleas to be held at: Salem on the last Tuseday of this Instant Decemb[r]—The Towne made Choyce of Serg[t] Richard Hutton James Freind & John Edwards Sen[r] to serve as Juro[rs] at said Court—

Wood on the Common

Att a meeting of ye Select men Decemb[r] the 26[th] 1695. Then a warrant was drawn to the Constables to warne a Towne meeting to be attended on the 6[th] Day of Jan[ry] next att two a Clock in ye afternoon to take Care for preventing of Da̅mag by persons Cutting or Carrying away wood from ye towne Co̅mons to sell out of towne

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* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold[rs] & Inhabitants of Wenham: Jan[ry] 6[th] 1695/6—

Wood & timber on the Common

assembled for makeing of sutable ord[rs] for the preservation of our wood and timber on the Co̅mons from being |wasted or| Carried out of towne either in Timber or Cord wood —

Moderator

Ensigne Walter Fairfield Chosen Moderat[r] for said meeting

Order as to timber on the Common

Voated that if any of the Inhabitants of our towne shall Cutt or Carry away any wood or timber of from the Co̅mon land of our said towne they shall forfitt to the use of the Treashury of our said towne ten shillings for everey tree that shall be falled cutt or carried out of our said towne to be recovered by the Towne Treashure[r] by due prosses of law: & this to Continue untill further order is made; and it is further ordered that if any of the Inhabitants aforesaid shall carrey or sell any cord-wood cutt on the Co̅mon aforesaid out of the said Towne

directly or indirectley he or they shall forfitt fourtey shillings for everey cord of wood sould or carried out of towne to be recovered as afores[d]

William Fairfield & John Gott Chosen for the west end of the towne to looke after the Comon to see that the abovesaid orders by not transgressed: — —

Rate

John Bare & Josiah Dodg Chosen to looke after the Comon att the Eastwardley end of the towne—

Att a meeting of the Select men February 29[th] 1695/6

A Countey rate was made amounting to the sum of thre pounds one shilling 2[d] which Rate was to be paid in money to the Treashure[r] of ye Countey for the time being the sum of fivetey five shillings |att or before the first day of April next| which Rate was made in two Lists & Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each List |Dated March the 9[th] 1695/6| by vertue of an ord[r] from ye Clarke of the Quarter Sestions of the Peace—

Cons[t] |Joseph Herricks| List amounted to the sum of one pound thirteen shillings & 7[d] out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashure[r] of the Countey the sum of one pound nine shillings 3[d]	1.9.3
to Ensigne Fairefield for the Select mens Expences: 2[s] 6[d]	0.2.6
the rest being one shilling 10[d] was allowed him for Collecting	0.1.10

Cons[tb] |John Denises| List amounted to one pound seven shillings 7[d]—

out of which he was ordered to pay to the County Treashure[r] one pound five shillings & 9[d] the remainder being one shilling 10[d] was allowed for Collecting ——

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An. Town Meet[g]

* Att a generall Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of the Towne of Wenham

March the 3[d] 1695/6

Moderator

Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske Chosen moderator for the meeting

Selectmen

Cap[tt] Tho[s]: Fiske Ensigne Walter Fairefield John Batcheler |Sen[r]| James Freind and John Newman Chosen for Select men for the yeare Ensuing — —

Constables

Joseph Herrick Chosen Constable for the west-ward part of the towne from the Countrey roade |& sworn

March 7th before Thomas Wade Just. Peace| John Denniss Chosen Constable for the Eastward part of ye towne from the Countrey roade |& sworn March 14th before Thomas Wade Just. of Peace|

John Newman Chosen Towne Clarke for the yeare Ensuing —— —— — Town Clerk

William Fairefield Chosen Surveyor of high ways for ye west end of the Towne Serg[t] Thomas Patch & John Edwards Sen[r] Chosen Survey[rs] for the Eastward end of the Towne for the yeare Ensuing —— — Surveyors

Serg[t] Thomas Patch Chosen Comission[r] for assesments for ye yeare Ensuing — — Commiss[r] for Assessm[t]

John Gott & Caleb Kemball Chosen Survey[rs] of fences for the westwardley part of the towne for ye yeare Ensuing —— — Fence viewers

Samuel Kellum & Zacheus Goldsmith Chosen Survey[rs] of fences for the Eastward end of the towne.

Benj[a] Edwards Chosen to Continue in ye office of Sealer of Leather for the year Ensuing — — Sealer of Leather

Joseph Fiske & John Batcheler Jun[r] Chosen Haywards for the west end of the towne — — Haywards

Charles Gott Jun[r] & Robert Symonds Chosen Haywards for the other part of the towne —

Thomas Patch propounding to the Towne to make an Exchange of about half an Acc[r] of land with the Towne The Towne makes Choyce of John Edwards Sen[r]: John Bare & Samuel Kellum a Comittey to goe upon the place & to vew the sd. land & make report of it to the towne att there next meeting — — Exchange of land— Thos. Patch

* Att the Generall Towne meeting the 3[d] of March 1695/6 —— — (*page 109)

Joseph Herrick John Coy Joseph Fiske John Browne & Peter Tompson are accepted as towne Inhabitants & to have towne priveledges. — Jos. Herrick &c. admitted

The Towne meeting is adjourned to the next Fryday being the sixth day of this Instant March at twelve of ye Clock to meet at the meeting hous. — Adjournment

Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting on the 6th day of March 1695/6 ——

Timber on the Common

Voated that it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons in our towne that shall Carrey any Timber either pine oake or hemlock to any sawmill in our towne or out of the towne from of of the towne Comon to pay the sawyer for sawing in said timber or the produce of it on the penaltie of five shillings by the hundred for all such timber which he shall so dispose of to the use of the towne to be levied by the Constable by warrant from the Select men —

Exchange with Thos. Patch

The Towne makes Choyce of Captt Thomas Fiske Lt Wm Fiske & Ensigne Fairefield to be a Comittey to goe upon the place & to vew the land wich Sergent Thomas Patch propounds to Exchange with the Towne for land near Wm Knoultons hous and in case the said Comittey shall find it Just & needful they are fully Impowred, to make & Compleat the said Exchange

Exchange with John Dodge Jr. for a highway

Voated that the Select men or the Major part of them are appointed a Comittey to goe upon the place & vew the land which the Select men did formerley Exchang with John Dodge Junr for a high way & to settle the bounds of the two accrs of swamp which he said Dodge was to have in Exchange & also the thre accrs of land in flaggey meadow plain if there be so much there & leave a Conveniant highway & to make a full settlement of the same — —

Treasurer

Captt Thomas Fiske Chosen Towne Treashurer for the yeare Ensuing —

Tithing-men

Voated that the Tythingmen that ware Chosen last year are Chosen for Tything men for the year Ensuing —

Bounds

Voated that the Select men or the Major part of them are appointed & fully Impowred to settle the lyne betwene Joseph Herricks land & the Comon—and also to settle the bounds between the successors of Trustler as to his farme of a hundred accrs & the townes Comon land —

Jos. Herrick

Trustler farm

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* Voated that whereas the Towne hath made an order to prohibitt our Inhabitants from falling any Timber either pine oake or hemlock upon our Towne Comon for ther owne nessisary use in the Towne without leave first

Timber on the Common

obtained of the Select men att ther meeting & Entered in the towne Booke setting forth for what use the Timber trees are —

It is also further ordered & Voated that the Select men are to give leave without parshallitey to every Coñonor in our towne to Cutt for ther owne perticuler use in the Towne such & so much timber on the Coñon as shall be rationally needful, with what Equitey & Justice may bee and the Select men are to give notice of ther meeting to attend that service four times in the yeare att the most sutable seasons ——

And further it is ordered that in case any person after he hath obtained leave to gitt any timber on said Coñon shall dispose of it to other person or persons so that it be directly or indirectly caried or disposed of out of the towne he shall pay the fine & forfiture for so doing as if he had cutt or carried it out of towne without leave —

Voated that in prosecuting of all the orders Relating to the preserving the towns wood & timber from being disorderley used in the towne or carried out of the towne whosoever shall Enforme & produce Evidence against any that either have or heare- after shall disorderley take any wood or timber on the townes Coñon shall for there care & pains have the one half of the fine or forfiture due to the said towne by the breach of the said order only it is intended that those who have alreadey or in time past fallen timber upon the townes Coñon for ther owne perticuler use in the towne although without leave from the Select men shall not be prosecuted for the same ——

Sergt Patch John Bare John Coy and Samuel Kellum Chosen for the Eastwardley part of the towne & Willm Fairefield Samuel Kemball John Pirkins Ephraim Kemball Joseph Herrick & Joseph Fiske for the westwardley and Northwardley part of the towne to Inspect the Coñon to see that the above said ordrs be duly attended and not transgressed.

* Voated that in persuance of an order of our towne to prevent our timber pine or other timber cutt without leave on the townes Coñon from being (*page 111)

Carried out of towne & is yet remaining in the towne in Loggs it is ordered that it shall be seazed by the Constable by warrant from the Select men as the townes timber and to be for the use of the towne in generall unless the Claymer of said timber can rationally make it Appear to the Select men that they did cutt said timber for there owne perticuler use in our towne and not to dispose of out of the towne, and in case he so rationally make it appear to be for his own use as afores[d] the said Select men shall Enter said timber as if he had obtained leave to fall the same—

Att a meeting of the Select men
March: the 6[th] 1695/6

Liberty to cut trees on the Common

Libertey granted to L[t] Fiske to gitt six pine trees for board & shingle & two hemlock trees for Planke —

To Samuel Fiske Taylo[r] libertey to gitt six trees for board & pine timber anuf to make three thousand of shingle —

To Thomas Kellum libertey to gitt pine timber anuff to make seven hundred of boards —

Att a meeting of the Select men
Aprill the 13[th] 1696 —

Manchester perambulation

Then it was agreed that the lyne should be perambulated & the bounds renewed between our towne & Manchester on the 22[th] of May next Ensuing if fair weather if not the next faire day & to meet at the hous of John Coy in Wenham: about ten a Clock in ye fore noone: & a note was sent to give them notice of it.

Topsfield perambulation

Then agreed to perambulate the lyne and renew the bounds between our Towne & Topsfield on the 25[th] day of May next Ensuing & to meet att the Northwardley end of Wenham Causway about nine a Clock in the fore noon on said day if fair weather if not ye next fair day — — —

and L[t] Fiske John Pirkins & Thomas Kemball W[m] Fairfield or so many of them as shall Appear at the time aforesaid are appointed for s[d] service.

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* Att a meeting of the Select men (*page 112)
March: 23th 1695/6

Rate

Then a List was made on the poles and Estates in & belonging to Wenham amounting to the Sum of four pounds, fourteen shillings money:— £4.14.0

Constable Joseph Herricks part two pounds Eleven shillings & 1d ——	£2.11.1
Constable John Dennises part two pounds two shillings & 1d ——	"2. 2.1
	£4.13.2

which sums each of said Constables ware to pay in to the Treashurer: and which sums with Tenn pounds allowed to our towne by the General Court as an abatement is in full of our townes proportion to the one third part of our two former lists Taken August ye 30th 1695 & sent in to the Treashurer: and which said one third part we ware to asses upon the poles and Estates in & belonging to Wenham according to the Treashurers Warrant Dated March: 12th 1695/6—

Topsfield ye 28th of Aprill 1696 —

Topsfield perambulation

In answer to an Appointment by the Gentlemen of Wenham to Topsfield to renew the bounds between Wenham & Topsfield wee have Appointed Leiut Thomas Baker and Captt John How and Thomas Towne to meet the Gentlemen of Wenham on the 25th of May next Ensuing if fair if not the next fair day & to meet at the northwestwardley end of Wenham Causway at nine of the Clock in the forenoone according to Appointment

Ephraim Dorman by order & in the name of the Select men of Topsfield—

We whose names are under written being Appointed by our severall townes Topfield & Wenham to renew the bounds betwene us have accordingly attended the service this 25th day of May 1696 as followeth we renewed the bound near Joseph Porters meadow by laying stones to the heap of stones before made from thence to a plump of maples near Charles Gotts meadow by the brook

marked & stones laid to it which we also renewed from thence as the brooke runs to Bakers swamp and so as Pigdens bounds are to Beverly Ditch by the Island & as the ditch runs to the River:

Thomas Baker
William Fiske
Thomas Towne
Thomas Kemball

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders and Inhabitants of Wenham May the 26th 1696—

Wildman's Neck &c.

Voated that the Towne will purchas that percell of upland & swampey meadow Called Wild mans Neck & Rootses meadow to be layd & added to the rest of the Townes Comon being now in Jos: Fowlers hands—

Cartway from the Meetg house to the Neck

Voated that ther shall be a Conveniant Cartway laid out from the meeting hous to the Neck by Goodman Abbeys house through the land of Joseph Fowler and Zacheas Goldsmith: which they purchased of the Executors of Mr Thomas Smith late of Boston deceased, and the said way to be laid wher it has for maney yeares gon: except that the said way can be layd wher it may be more conveniant for our inhabitants: & less damage to the proprietors it is not to be understood to be an open way: but only a Conveniant Cart way for our inhabitants to pas two & froe through gates — — —

Wildman's Neck

Voated that ther shall be a Comittey Chosen to act in the townes behalf in perfecting the purchase with Joseph Fowler of the land cald Wild mans neck & Rootses meadow for the towne which said Fowler bought of Goodman Woodward and also to take an account of the Towne Treashurer & Select men and such as have had any of the Townes mony comitted to them and what money is found of the townes in any mans hands to be Improved towards the purchasing of sd land of Joseph Fowler so far as it will goe & what that falls short of the purchase the Select men are impowered to make a Rate upon the Inhabitants for the Remainder to be Comitted to the Constables to be Collected & paid in money with all conveniant speed & Improved for the accomplishing said purchase and if

ther be any small strips of Comon land that ley within any perticuler persons land that the Publique is not benefitted by the said Comittey have power to take a Survey of the same & make report of it to the towne — —

Ensign Fairfield Serg^{t} Thomas Patch & Samuel Kemball are Chosen for the Comittey & Impowered to act in the Townes behalfe in the perticulers before mentioned.

Att a meeting of the Select men
May 27 1696 —

Manchester perambulation

John Newman Serg^{t} Patch Rich Dodg Sen^{r} John Edwards Sen^{r} Sam^{ll} Kellum John Coy & Natha^{ll} Walderne or any two of them or so many of them as shall appeare are deseird & appointed to goe on Perambulation on ye lyne [&] renew the bounds betwene our towne & Manchester [on] ye 28th of this Instant May —

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* Att a meeting of the Select men of Manchester
May: 28th 1696 —

Cap^{tt} John Sibley M^{r} Thomas West & Abraham Marsters are appointed to meet with Wenham men this day at ye hous of John Coy in Wenham to goe on Perambulation on the lyne & to renew the bounds betwene Wenham & Manchest^{r} according as they have bin formerley stated & setled —

Robart Leach
The Marke of
Isaac ♯ Whithare
} Select men

Wee whose names are hear unto subscribed being appointed by the Select men of our townes of Wenham & Manchester to perambulate the lyne and renew the bounds betwene our said townes we have accordingley being mett together this

28th Day of May 1696

renewed the great white oake tre marked with a W. & M. & sett about with stones & also a small black oake tre standing upon a small Knoule & a clump of four maples standing in the swamp where of two ware marked & we renewed them & we should have renewed the hemlock tree standing on the brow of a hill & the pine stump

near Ipswich lyne but by reason of the wett ness of of the swamps we could not come att them but we do owne them as bounds betwene our townes & in witness wher of we have hereunto sett our hands the day abovesaid—

John Newman
John Coy
Nath[ll] Woldren
Sam[ll] Kellum
for Wenham

John Siblee
Thomas West
Abraham Masters
for Manchester